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BIG STIR IN LEAGUE CIRCLES: SIR SIKANDAR'S EFFORTS FOR UNITY

RAJAJI'S TIP TO CRIPPS

Place Before Indians An Ideal Worth Fighting For And Dying

MADRAS, March 22.

"What should be searched for by all of us is an energising stimulus for national effort and sacrifice and a provisional executive determined to save the people from foreign aggression that Commands the trust, and love and, therefore, the whole hearted energy, of the people", observes Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar, ex-Premier of Madras and member of the Congress Working Committee, in the course of a statement.

Mr. Rajagopalachariar says: "I was surprised to read the Rt Hon. Sastri's statement issued from Poona. In spite of the earnestness of his appeal and the respect due to this veteran statesman, it is necessary to warn people not to be misled by the note sounded by him. Britain's envoy comes to India now on a mission which though seemingly political is strategic and military in essential character. He comes to secure during a critical phase in war a vital change in the defence position of India. It is not as if Mr. Churchill found that civil administration in India was going bad for want of democracy.

The object of Sir Stafford Cripps' visit is to make India less vulnerable, to prevent her becoming an easy prey to Japan like Malaya and Burma. The question, therefore, is not how much to ask or how much to take as a reasonable political compromise. It is how to make the Indian people forget their hostility to Britain and give up their apathy in regard to the military position.

If Mr. Sastri will think on these lines he should see that what he should appeal for earnestly is not moderation on the part of Indian leaders or adjustment to the inclinations of British conservatives, but rather for courage and imagination on the part of the British to place an ideal before the Indian people worth fighting for and dying. He should rack his experienced brain to find out how, on the one hand, to make Britain realise that the old Imperial mode and mentality will not do, if the tragedy that is impending is to be avoided and, on the other hand, to make the Indian people and all their leaders realise they cannot shirk or postpone the responsibility for self-defence or prefer working at other problems in preference to this. Inter-communal suspicions and rivalries may wait for peace. Aggression will not wait but take advantage of them.

"I have set out how I see the object for which Sir Stafford Cripps has come. If the people's patriotic fervour cannot be ignited all may be lost. It is absurd to mass together at the present moment all that requires to be considered in the settlement of a permanent constitution.

"War may solve mischiefs generated by a peace that we had not ourselves earned, and problems that seem insoluble now may, perhaps, present no difficulties after we have passed through the travail that is the lot of most nations of the world, and from which we have hitherto been saved.

Move For United Muslim Front

LAHORE, March 22.

A call to the Muslims of India to evolve a common formula to be presented to Sir Stafford Cripps, was made by the Jamiat-ul-Ulema-I-Hind at its thirteenth conference which concluded this evening.

While reserving the right to ex-

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'Freedom First' Must Be Motto

Azad Urges Upon Muslims To Be Self-Reliant And Not Cry For Safeguards

LAHORE, March 22.

Advice to the Muslims to stand on their own legs and work for the independence of their country was given by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, addressing the concluding session of the Jamiat-Ulema-I-Hind this evening.

He said that India should take a lesson from the experience of various European countries. India was no longer a spectator. The time for her trial had arrived. The question of the future of Muslims in India was a vital question and it had been worrying him for the last 38 years. During this period, there had been no change in his attitude towards this question. He had been trying to find out the root cause and had come to the conclusion that unless they were free from British Imperialism, no other question should be raised. The Maulana Sahib said that the Muslims should not ask for any safeguards, but should try to attain the country's freedom first. He was confident that no earthly power could efface nine crores of Muslims in this country, nor any constitution or safeguards could save them, if they had no confidence in themselves and did not attempt to stand on their own legs.

Concluding, Maulana Azad advised the Muslims not to stand in the way of freedom by presenting different schemes.—A. P.

Muslim Premiers' Talks With Azad

(From Our Correspondent)

LAHORE, March 22.

It is learnt, Mr. K. B. Allahabux, Premier of Sind, Mr. A. K. Fazlul Haq, Premier of Bengal and Sir Sikandar Hyat, Premier of the Punjab, under the latter's leadership will meet Sir Stafford Cripps to present the case of Muslim India.

Talks regarding the formation of National Governments in the Punjab, Sind and Bengal will be resumed jointly by Sir Sikandar, Mr. Allahabux and Mr. Haq with Maulana Azad in Lahore.

Mr. Haq was to arrive to-day but he was delayed.

Muslim Leaguers seem to have been annoyed over the invitations to Mr. Allahabux and Mr. Fazlul Haq for meeting Sir Stafford Cripps.

According to them, these invitations run counter to the Muslim League's claim to have sole representation of the League which may threaten boycott of the Cripps' mission.

AZAD CONFERENCE BOARD TO MEET.

LAHORE, March 22.

Dr. Khan Sahib, Mr. Asaf Ali, Mr. Shamsuddin Ahmad, Minister of Public Works, Bengal, and Professor Himayun Kabir, M.L.C., arrived in Lahore this morning to attend the meeting of the Board of the All-India Azad Muslim Conference.

Khan Bahadur Allah Baksh, the President of the Board is already here.—A. P.

Azad Postpones Departure

LAHORE, March 22.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, who was to have left Lahore to-night, has postponed his departure.—A. P.

Last week the Axis lost 293 aircraft 25 in the Middle East, 101 in the Far East and 167 on the Russian front. The R.A.F. lost 16 in the Middle East,

If Jinnah Breaks Away From Cripps?

League Leaders' Plans: Sikandar's Efforts For Unity

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 21.

Interesting developments have taken place in connection with the invitations to leaders issued on behalf of Sir Stafford Cripps.

As foreshadowed all Premiers are being invited to meet Sir Stafford Cripps.

It is understood that Sir Stafford will make clear to Mr. Jinnah and other leaders that his efforts are intended to secure agreement and unity and that he is anxious to avoid any domestic or inter-party controversy. For this reason, three recognised organisations have been specifically mentioned in the letter of invitation, while as regards others, invitations have been sent to seven or eight leaders as individuals.

Various moves and controversies are going on in the Muslim League camp. Some League Muslims are also busy rallying support to some kind of non-party Muslim organisation if Mr. Jinnah breaks away from Sir Stafford Cripps or refuses to negotiate with the Congress.

So far as is known, the Cripps scheme is an amplification of the Hailey formula which the ex-Governor enunciated in Parliament.

Informal consultations have been going on throughout the day among leaders. Sir Sikandar met Sir Sultan Ahmed and other friends and left for Lahore.

According to the present programme, Sir Sikandar will be back on March 26 to meet Sir Stafford. The Punjab Premier is in communication both with the Congress and the Muslim League leaders for adoption of a joint formula to meet the immediate war menace based on common principles leaving difference to be settled later.

Mr. Bhulabhai met Mr. N. R. Sarkar to-day and proposed to leave for Allahabad on March 25 returning to New Delhi on 26th when the Congress party will hold party meeting and attend session.

Non-League Muslims For Coalition Govts.

NEW DELHI, Mar. 22.

Many sections of opinion not represented on the three main political organisations—the Congress, the League and the Hindu Mahasabha—which have so far been invited to depute representatives to see Sir Stafford Cripps, are understood to be preparing to present to him their cases.

It is believed that non-League and non-Congress Muslims, for instance, are coming together to seek a meeting with Sir Stafford to place before him views, which they claim, are shared by a large body of Muslims. A prominent Muslim member of the Central Assembly has left Delhi to obtain signatures for a representation being made in this connection, and it is expected the influential Muslims in Bengal, Bihar, United Provinces, the Punjab and Bombay will sign it. Although along with others this body of Muslims is waiting to see what proposals Sir Stafford is bringing with him, they have nevertheless provisionally outlined ideas which include coalition Governments both at the Centre and in the Provinces.—A. P.

JAP BAIT TO NORWEGIAN SHIPS

LONDON, March 22.

The Axis is trying once again to bribe Norwegian seamen to betray their country. This time it is Japan who is trying to succeed where the other Axis partners failed. The Norwegian Shipowners' Association, now completely 'Quisling', has according to the Norwegian Government Information Office in London broadcast so-called instructions to Norwegian ships captains in the Indian Ocean, the Pacific and Australian waters to proceed to one of four ports under Japanese control Kusaie (Eastern Caroline Islands), Rabaul, Penang and Saigon.

Japan is seeking to bribe Norwegian season away from the Allied cause, offering 5,000 Norwegian crowns, plus three times his annual wages to every member of the crews, which bring their ships to these ports.—Reuter.

Honduran Merchantship Sunk

WASHINGTON:—The Navy Department announced that a small "Honduran" merchantship was torpedoed, off the Atlantic coast.

A probable loss of 44 lives is disclosed. Six survivors have reached an Atlantic port. Among the unaccounted for are 32 crew members and 12 passengers—three women two children one seven-year-old boy and six men. A single torpedo sank the ship in three minutes.—Reuter.

BR. OUTPUT SHOOTS UP

Attlee Gives Figures Of War Materials Production

LONDON, March 22.

Striking figures illustrating Britain's soaring war production were given by the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. C. R. Attlee, speaking at Liverpool to-day.

The figures he gave included the following:

WARLIKE STORES:—Ten times greater than at the beginning of the war. TANKS: five times as many are being made as after Dunkirk and twice as many as six months ago NAVAL TONNAGE: Four times as much as was completed in the last quarter before the war, and twice as much merchant shipping. Current production is greater than at any time in the last war, when there were more yards and more men—but no blitz or blackout. TRANSPORT: Three hundred ships were continuously employed on 11,000-mile voyage round the Cape during the last year to support the Middle East armies. More than a million tons of goods and over 30,000 vehicles were convoyed by the Navy.

Mr. Attlee said there is nothing worse in war than trying to be equally strong at all points when you have only limited forces. "By no conceivable means could we have concentrated in the Far East military, naval or air power equal to Japan's. From now on, despite apparent successes, the scales are tilting against the dictators. The United Nations have a great potential preponderance of strength but time is needed for it to develop. Meanwhile we must hold on as we held on after Dunkirk.

KING BORIS TO MEET HITLER

SOFIA, March 22.

King Boris has left by train for Germany. He was seen off at the station by all members of the Bulgarian Government.

German pressure had already induced King Boris to agree to the setting up of an organisation for volunteers to join in the Russian campaign. The Bulgarian Premier M. Filov offered his resignation to King Boris rather than agree to the latest German demands but the King refused to accept it.

VON PAPEN FOR BERLIN

Von Papen, the German Ambassador at Ankara, is also on his way to Germany presumably to receive fresh instructions from Hitler. In the event of any German attempt to march through Turkey it has always been assumed that Hitler would expect to have Bulgarian armies at his disposal but hitherto Turko-Bulgarian relations have remained correct.—Reuter.

Taking Toledo Peoria And Western Railroad

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.

President Roosevelt on Saturday signed an executive order directing the office of Defence Transportation to take over and operate the strike-bound Toledo Peoria and Western Railroad. The President of this 239 mile railway had declined to submit the controversy to arbitration, as directed by the United States War Labour Board, and as urged by the President in a letter a week ago.—Reuter.

"COMPLETE DESTRUCTION"

According to Lieutenant-General Drum, Commanding the Eastern Army Forces, the destruction of the enemy submarine, off the east coast was complete. The sea was covered with oil and wreckage. He added that it was considered improbable that there could have been any survivors. Four depth-charges were dropped by the bomber.—Reuter.

Enemy Submarine Destroyed

NEW YORK:—An enemy submarine has been destroyed by an American bomber, off the Eastern Untied States coast. Army authorities announce.

Several Killed In Malta Raid

14 Nazi Planes Destroyed: 150 Prisoners Taken In Libya

MALTA, March 21.

Two German planes were destroyed and two others were damaged over Malta in the past 24 hours. A night fighter pilot, who seriously damaged a bomber, hit the port engine and saw pieces fly off.

On Friday morning the Germans made three determined raids on shipping in Grand Harbour, in each case with six Junkers 88.s. Anti-aircraft guns heavily engaged them, causing many bombs to fall into the sea. There was no military damage on Friday, but some to civilian property. Some civilians were killed and injured.

MALTA:—Fourteen raiders, all German, were destroyed over Malta in the past 24 hours including Friday afternoon's attack.

Raid On Axis Post In Libya

CAIRO, March 22.

A 'communique' says that units of the Eighth Army carried out a successful raid against enemy posts yesterday in a area about Tmimi and against enemy aerodromes near Martuba." The result was satisfactory and a hundred and fifty prisoners were taken. British, South African and Free French troops participated in the raid. Having achieved their object the troops returned to their base.

150 PRISONERS TAKEN

We took at least 150 German and Italian prisoners, inflicted losses upon enemy troops and transport and shelled the aerodrome at Martuba. A dust storm which blew throughout yesterday interferred with our air operations.

RAID ON BRACE

The text of the Middle East R. A. F. 'communique' to-day Sunday says: "The aerodrome of Brace was attacked by our bomber aircraft during March 21.

The enemy landing grounds of Berka and Derna as well as objectives at Benghazi were raided during the night of March 20|21.

From these and other operations five of our aircraft are missing.

BRITISH PRESS DEFENDS "DAILY MIRROR"

(From Our Corresponden).

LONDON, March 21.

The topic of the day is the Home Secretary, Mr. Morrison's warning to the 'Daily Mirror' that if that paper persisted in the attitude it will be suppressed.

The "Daily Herald" and the "News Chronicle" have come out with dignified leaders defending the liberty of the press. So far the press has given a mild whipping to Mr. Morrison but made it clear to him that it will not tolerate ill-considered attacks on the fourth estate of the realm.

It is likely that the "Daily Mirror" issue will be debated in the House of Commons when Empire press' laws and censorship may come up.

BASIC JAPANESE FOR JAPAN'S VICTIMS

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, March 21.

Japan has a far-reaching plan for consolidating her Empire in the newly conquered countries.

According to the Berlin radio, Basic Japanese, a language consisting of six-hundred words, has been worked out to make it easy for Eastern Asiatic Peoples to learn Japanes.

AXIS SHIPS ATTACKED IN MEDITERRANEAN

LONDON, March 21.

An Admiralty communique says that two large enemy supply ships have been successfully attacked in the central Mediterranean. Both the ships are known to have sunk.

A 'communique' reports the loss of an Italian submarine.

STOP PRESS

SINO-JAP NAVAL ENGAGEMENT

CHUNGKING: Sunday night's Chungking War 'Communique' reports a brief engagement yesterday morning between Japanese warships and Chinese shore batteries at Foochow, capital of Fukien Province. Several warships appeared off the mouth of the Min river and shelled Chinese positions near Changmen to the east of Foochow. Chinese shore batteries replied after which the Japanese vessels retired.—Reuter.

Japanese Try It Now On MacArthur's Successor

Heavy Concentration Of Forces On Toungoo Front

WASHINGTON, March 22.

The Japanese Commander in the Philippines Gen. Yamashita, has demanded American and Filipino forces to surrender by noon to-day, according to a report by the War Department.

The War Department announcement added: "No reply was necessary and none was made" by Lieut.-Gen. Wainwright.

JAPANESE OFFENSIVE IN OFFING

WASHINGTON, March 21.

The War Department announces that activity has been resumed in Bataan, indicating that a Japanese offensive may be in the offing.

The War Department also announces that Japanese naval units are very active in the Philippine area, endeavouring to blockade unoccupied islands.

Enemy Submarine Destroyed

NEW YORK:—An enemy submarine has been destroyed by an American bomber, off the Eastern United States coast, army authorities announce.—Reuter

U. S. GUNBOAT "ASHEVILLE" LOST.

WASHINGTON:—The Navy Department announces that the 1,270-ton gunboat "Asheville" is presumed to be lost through enemy action, south of Java. The attack occurred some days ago.

TWO U. S. SHIPS TORPEDOED

WASHINGTON:—Two medium-sized American merchantships of American registry have been torpedoed off the Atlantic coast, according to a Navy Department announcement.

Allied Planes Engage Japanese Aircraft

KUNMING: A combined force of R. A. F. and American Volunteer Group planes engaged 60 Japanese bombers and 20 fighters attacking Allied airfields somewhere in South Burma yesterday afternoon. Two enemy aircraft were shot down.

Several Allied aircraft have so far not been accounted for.—Reuter.

JAPS SHELL PHILIPPINE DEFENCES.

WASHINGTON:—A War Department Communique states: "Philippine Theatre": Enemy batteries on the south shore of Manila Bay continued to bombard our harbour defences concentrating their fire on Fort Prank and Fort Drum. One shell caused several casualties. Otherwise the enemy fire was ineffective. All our forts returned the fire. The enemy continues aggressive patrolling all along the Bataan front with frequent local skirmishes.

Fighting In Burma

MANDALAY, March 22.

From Associated Press special correspondent:—

One pronounced advantage the Japanese invaders have had over our troops, both British and Indian, is their ability to live very lightly off the country, whereas our troops require far more elaborate supplies. Thus the Japanese gain greatly in mobility. In this respect the Chinese troops equal the Japanese. Thirsting for action and determined to show their mettle and justify the Generalissimo's faith in them, the Chinese troops have now been able to give the Japanese a taste of what they have in store for them.

The Japanese appear to be concentrating almost exclusively on the Toungoo front at present and there appears no immediate prospect of their attempting simultaneous advance towards Prome, aimed at the oilfields further north. Their main forces are still south of Taikkyi, 30 miles north of Rangoon, though patrols have reached as far as Letpadan, ten miles north of Tharrawaddy and seventy miles south of Prome.

With two main fronts to be held, namely, the Toungoo front and the Irrawaddy front, the fact that the Chinese expeditionary force is now for the first time in action on the Toungoo front is a heartening evidence that China with her inexhaustible man-power is on the spot to assist our own gallant but non-numbered forces.

FAMOUS CHINESE ARMIES

As officially announced from Chungking, the Chinese troops in Burma include the famous fifth and sixth armies, the Generalissimo's finest men. They are commanded by Gen. Stillwell, an experienced American General, who has come to this country with the reputation of a determined fighter and first class leader. The discipline of the Chinese troops is superb, and it is believed that the Generalissimo himself gave the strictest orders as to their conduct while in Burma.

WILL JAPS ATTACK PORT MORESBY FROM REAR?

SYDNEY: The slow advance of the Japanese along the Markham Valley in New Guinea has not yet resulted in any clash with Australian troops, according to the Port Moresby correspondent of the newspaper "Sydney Herald." This clash, the correspondent says, might not occur until the enemy is well away from his bases and supply centres at Lae and Salamaua. Opposition will probably begin in the tough mountain jungle, which is splendidly suited for ambush fighting.

It is still doubtful, the correspondent adds, whether the Japanese intend extending their advance to drive across high mountains in the Owen Stanley Range for an attack on Port Moresby from the rear.

A 'communique' states: Allied aircraft raided Lae, Rabaul, and Koepang.

A 'communique' issued by the Premier, Mr. Curtin, to-day states: "Allied aircraft attacking Lae set fire to three Japanese bombers and nine fighters and damaged two bombers and three fighters. Japanese troops were also machine-gunned. Planes also raided Rabaul and Koepang. The Japanese raided Katherine, 180 miles inland in the northern territory. Port Darwin was also raided.

RAID ON DARWIN

No bombs fell on military targets and no damage or casualties are reported. One enemy aircraft is reported to have been shot down.

In the enemy attack on Katherine in northern territory this Sunday afternoon bombs were dropped, one aborigine being killed and another injured. Little damage was done.

Mr. Curtin's announcement stated that bombs fell in the target area during the Allied raid on Rabaul. The raid was on the harbour and aerodrome and followed the sinking of a heavy Japanese cruiser in the same place. Enemy fighters failed in their attempt to intercept, losing probably two aircraft.—Reuter.

Hawaii Prepares For Defence

HAWAII, March 21.

Hawaii, fast recovering from the shock of Japan's surprise assault on December 7, has been rapidly reinforcing its defences in expectation of another attack telegraphs Reuter's Special Correspondent with the United States Pacific Forces.

Evacuees from "the islands' reaching the American Mainland are convinced that the Japanese will attempt another thrust against America's Pacific Gibraltar sometime.

Oahu Island, capital of the Hawaiian Island Group, now packing an armoured punch more lethal, than anything Singapore produced, demands knowledge of every known type of defence.

It is now reported that food sufficient for a six months siege has been stored in Hawaii.

Hawaii, mindful of its defence, is also aware of its positive func-

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After enrolment they will undergo periods of training at different centres on the G.I.P. Railway and at the Military Railway Training School on that Railway.

Pay and allowances while under training:—

Station Master & Assistant Station Master (Trainees) Rs. 46|- per month

Driver Engine Railway (Trainees)—Rs. 54|- per month.

After training and passing the necessary examination trainees will be promoted as qualified men on increased rates of pay.

For full particulars apply either in person or in writing to the Divisional Transportation Superintendent, Sholapur, Bhusaval, Jubbulpore, Jhansi; Divisional Engineer, Poona, Bhusaval, Nagpur, Jubbulpore, Jhansi; Principal, Railway Military Training School, Bina Special Recruiting Officer, Victoria Terminus Bombay, Bhusaval, Nagpur, Jubbulpore Jhansi, or the Officer Commanding, Technical Group, G.I.P. Railway, General Manager's Office, Bombay. (7779)

THE WORKERS OF GENERAL MOTORS

INDIA LIMITED

The workers of General Motors India Ltd., are herewith informed that the factory will be open in all departments on Monday, March 23rd. All men at present on strike who report for work on that day will be retained in our employ.

FILM ADVISORY BOARD

CORRECTION

In our advertisement which appeared in the "Bombay Chronicle" of 17th inst. the pay of the Art director was inadvertantly given as Rs. 800|-. It should be Rs. 400|-. (7776)

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SUPPLY

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONTROLLER OF PURCHASE (SUPPLY)

TENDER NOTICE.

The CHIEF CONTROLLER of Purchase (Supply), New Delhi invites tenders for the store detailed below:—

Baskets Various 64,600 Nos.

ARTICLE.	QUANTITY Nos.
(1) Baskets Bottle (Made of Cane)	4,000
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(3) Baskets G.S.MK II. (Made of Cane) ...	38,000
(4) Baskets Hand. (Made of Cane)	650
(5) Baskets Ration with lid. (Made of Cane)	2,700
(6) Baskets Ration without lid. (Made of Cane)	4,300

Tender No. P|SY|MS-102|1-2R.

Price of tender forms etc. is Rs 8|- per set, and is not refundable and forms are not transferable. Payment should be made in cash or by money order only, to the Chief Controller of Purchase (Supply), New Delhi quoting tender number and remitter's full address on the coupon.

Tenders will be received upto 6-4-1942.

Applicants not already on the list of approved contractors maintained by the Chief Administrative Officer, Purchase Branch of the Department of Supply, must state in their applications for tender forms the names of their bankers.

Application for tenders will be received upto 30-3-1942.

N.B.—Tender forms are also available for sale in the offices of the Chief Controller of Purchase (Munitions), 6, Esplanade East, Calcutta and Controller of Supplies at Madras, Lahore, Cawnpore, Karachi and Bombay and may be obtained by the tenderers from these offices on payment of the prescribed tender fee direct to the officers concerned. The samples of the stores can also be seen in the Sample Rooms attached to the offices of the Controllers of Supplies at the abovementioned stations as also at the Office of the Director-General of Supply, New Delhi. (7657)

NOTIFICATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY

No. 9309 of 1942.

ACCORDING to the recent Government Notification regarding public holidays during the year 1942, the 26th March, (Ramnavmi) 4th April, (Easter Saturday) and 6th April (Easter Monday) are no longer public holidays. It has therefore, been decided to hold the examinations on these days. Consequently, some alterations have been made in the programmes of the Intermediate Arts, Science and Commerce and B.Com. examinations, and the B.A. and B.Sc. examinations. Details about the alterations will be found in a separate notification of the University exhibited at each centre of the examination.

S. R. DONGERKERY,
Registrar
Bombay, 12th March 1942. (7768)

NOTICE

WANTED an experienced STENO TYPIST with speed on a consolidated pay of Rs. 100 p.m. till 31-7-194- for the time being. May be required to go to Poona. Applications in own handwriting giving full details of qualifications, etc., should reach by 25th March to Principal Elphinstone College, Bombay 1.

G. B. JATHAR,
Principal.

Elphinstone College, Bombay & Secretary, Maharashtra University, Committee, Bombay.

Elphinstone College,
Bombay, 19th March, 1942. (7755)

G. I. P. RAILWAY

CANCELLATION OF MILEAGE COUPONS for MERCANTILE FIRMS

WITH effect from 1st May, 1942 and until further notice the G.I.P. Railway will discontinue the issue of mileage coupon books for mercantile firms.

Coupons from coupon books issued before 1st May, 1942, will however be accepted during the period of their availability.

Coupons from books issued by foreign Railways on or after 1st May, 1942, will not be valid for local journeys over the G.I.P. Railway, but such coupons will be accepted in part payment for the issue of through tickets from stations on this Railway to stations on foreign Railways according to the provisions of para (13) of Rule 38 of Coaching Tariff Part I-A. (7600)

Public Notices

WANTED

For a Mill in the Punjab one Assistant Spinning Master. Salary Rs. 250|- p.m. A practical man preferred. Only those who have risen from Fitters and are now willing to do the erection work with their own hands need apply with copies of testimonials to Box No. 7780, "Bombay Chronicle."

WANTED

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of an ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT on Rs. 80-5-150 in the Government Leather Working School, Bandra, Bombay 20, on prescribed forms which should reach the Superintendent, Government Leather Working School, Bandra, Bombay 20, not later than 31st March, 1942, from whom further particulars and application forms can be had on request. (7778)

MILITARY ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT.

WANTED:—Temporary Clerks. Candidates must be over 18 and under 28 years of age. Scale of pay Rs. 45-50-4-70-5-150 plus local allowance at stations where it is admissible to permanent clerks. Initial pay for those who accept Field Service liability Rs. 62|- p.m. —the increase to be absorbed in subsequent increments If sent overseas, field service concessions will be admissible as for permanent clerks. Free conveyance for self (single inter class fare) from place of residence to place of duty will be admissible on appointment. Candidates of exceptional merit will be considered for permanent appointment in due course.

QUALIFICATIONS: University degree, except for Muslims who should have passed Intermediate examination.

Apply with copies of testimonials Intermediate or University certificates and evidence of age to the Field Controller of Military Accounts, Wanowrie, Poona. (7441)

NOTICE.

IN ORDER to enable Landlords in the City to obtain easily sandbags required by them for structural A.R.P. purposes arrangements have been made by Government for the sale of 'empty' as well as 'filled' sandbags at cost price. The work of supplying sand bags will be carried out through the Municipal agency. Depots have accordingly been opened by the Municipality at the following five centres:—

1.	Esplanade Maidan	(A Ward)
2.	Dongri Maidan	(B Ward)
3.	Gilder Tank	(D Ward)
4.	Nare Park	(F Ward)
5.	Shivaji Park	(G Ward)

2. It is advisable that every building in the City should have some rooms provided with adequate lateral protection against blast and splinters from explosive bombs The minimum area of the rooms thus protected should be fixed on the basis of 5 sq. ft. per person.

3. As it has become very difficult to obtain bricks, cement, timber etc. and as some protection should be provided immediately, sandbags should be used as an alternative to brick walls for securing this protection. It is therefore hoped that the public will take full advantage of the facilities now offered by Government.

4. Persons wishing to purchase sandbags are requested to apply to the City Engineer, Bombay Municipality (Municipal Offices, Hornby Road, Fort). Every application should be accompanied by sketches showing the position and dimension of the proposed sandbag walling. After scrutiny of the application as regards the correctness of the number of bags required, a letter of authority will be issued on payment of cash price. This letter of authority should be presented at the depot mentioned therein between 8 and 12 a.m. (S.T.) and 2 and 5 p.m. (S.T.) daily.

5. The size of the sandbag is 33" x 14". The price of 100 empty bags is fixed at Rs. 13|- and of 100 filled sandbags is fixed at Rs. 19-8-0, as already announced, but if double covers are required Rs 32-8-0 will be charged. The use of double cover is advisable to prevent the escape of fine sea sand and early deterioration of the bags, and is therefore recommended.

6. A leaflet will be issued to the purchaser containing instructions as to how the bags should be used.

7. A special staff has been provided by Government in the office of the City Engineer for giving advice to landlords especially those who own buildings of the chawl type with regard to lateral protection of their buildings. This staff will also give advice to the public generally in respect of structural A.R.P.

N. V. MODAK,
City Engineer,
Bombay Municipality.

Municipal Offices,
Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay. (7707)

Public Notices

THE POONA SWADESHI SUGAR MANUFACTURING CO. LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the Creditors of the Poona Swadeshi Sugar Manufacturing Co., Ltd., (In Voluntary Liquidation) will be held at the Office of Messrs. Sheth Brothers, 377, Kalbadevi Road, on SATURDAY, the 11th day of April, 1942 at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.) to transact the following:—

1. To appoint Dalpatram Dosabhai or such other person as the creditors may think fit, as Liquidator without remuneration for the purpose of completing the winding up of the Company in place of the late Mr. Jayantilal Kalyanrai Vaishnav, the deceased Liquidator of the Company with authority to such Liquidator to exercise all the powers of the Liquidator
2. To consider the agreement for sale of machinery, building and other materials of the Company lying at the Factory premises of the Company at Hadapsar made by the said Jayantilal Kalyanrai Vaishnav on the 26th day of June, 1941, subject to the confirmation by the creditors of the Company and also to consider any offers for sale which may be placed before the meeting;
3. To consider the accounts of the deceased Liquidator Jayantilal Kalyanrai Vaishnav.

Bombay dated the 18th day of March, 1942.

SHETH BROTHERS,
CHHABILDAS JESANGBHAI & CO.,
For Crown Electric Stores.
CHHABILDAS J. SHETH.
Proprietor.
Creditors of the Company (7766)

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. SADASHIV KONDIRAM has agreed to sell to our clients the property, situate at 2nd Bhoiwada Lane and more particularly described in the schedule hereunder written

Any person having any claim or interest by way of sale, mortgage, gift, inheritance, lease, lien, share or otherwise in the said property or any part thereof is hereby required to give notice thereof to the undersigned at their Office 13-19, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof. After which period the sale will be completed without regard to any claim of which notice has not been received.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:—

ALL that piece or parcel of Fazandari land or ground together with the messuage, tenements or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at the 2nd Bhoiwada Lane and in the Registration District and Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 110 square yards (according to Collector's Record 103.20) and bounded, on or towards the North by 2nd Bhoiwada Road, on or towards the South by a sweepers passage, on or towards the East by property formerly of Jijibai now of Bai Divalibai Jinabhai Rathod and on or towards the West by property of Raeiji Keshavji Contractor which said premises are registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 386, New No. 2266, and New Survey No. 1A/16/573, 1/578 Cadastral Survey No. 2416 of Bhuleshwar Division and are assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under C Ward No. 5327 and Street Nos. 53.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 1942.

DAPHTARY FERREIRA & DIVAN,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
7765

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Under instructions from the Custodian of Enemy Property Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by Public Auction To-Day MONDAY, the 23rd March, 1942, at 11 a.m. (S. T.), at their Rooms at 120, Apollo Street, Fort, the undermentioned articles of the Japanese Association vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property.

Crockery, glassware, brassware, curtains, linen, toys, fancy goods, tents stationery articles, and other miscellaneous articles

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AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY AT CLUB BACK ROAD, BYCULLA.

Under instructions from Messrs Mulla and Mulla Attorneys for the Mortgagees and at the risk and on account of the Mortgagors Haj Noormohomed Haji Salemohomed and others and pursuant to the power of sale reserved under the Indenture of Transfer of Mortgage and Further Charge dated 3rd March, 1939, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY, the 16th April, 1942, at 4 p.m. (S. T.), at the premises the following:—

All that piece of land known as plot No. 20 of the Agripada Estate of the Bombay Municipal Corporation and admeasuring about 971 Sq. Yds. with dwelling house standing thereon and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1626 of Byculla Division, Municipal Ward "E" No. 4106 (3) Street No. 9 Club Back Road, and bounded on the North by Road No. 9, on the East by plot No. 19 leased to Rustomji Muncherji Mistry, on the South by plot No. 12 leased to Hormusji Muncherji Kolah, and others, and on the West by plot No. 21 leased to Bai Rahimoai widow of Abdul Razak Haji Abdul Karim.

For particulars and conditions of sale apply to the above mentioned Solicitors or to the undersigned.

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TOWARDS NON-OFFICIAL A. R. P.

The question of setting up a non-official organisation to control and co-ordinate all matters connected with air raid precautions in the city, is understood to have been discussed at an informal meeting between Mr. D. Symington, A. R. P. Controller and Mr. S. K. Patil, Secretary of the Peoples Volunteer Brigade on Friday.

It is unuerstood that talks were directed to pave the way for a friendly settlement of the question. It is further learnt that the talks may be a prelude to further important development.

"Pakistan Day"

The Hon. Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League writes:

Under the auspices of the Bombay provincial Muslim League a public meeting of the Muslims of Bombay will be held to-day (Monday) at 9 p.m (S.T.) at Kaiser Baugh Dongri, to celebrate the Pakistan Day Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, M.L.A. president, Bombay Provincial Muslim League will preside. All the Muslim Associations, Mahfils, Societies and Anjumans are requested to hoist Muslim League Flags on their houses and streets to celebrate that day in the best manner they can.

City And Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day

Hindu: Chaitra Shud 6, 1998
Muslim: Rabi ul-Avval 5, 1361
Parsi: Meher 20, 1311
Sunrise: 6-43 a.m. Sunset: 6-48 p.m.
Highitide: 3-09, 16-10, Lowtide: 9-17, 21-50
Corporation meeting 3 p.m. (B.T.).
FRIDAY, March 27
Standing Committee, 3 p.m. (B.T.).

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-45, 5-45, and 9 p.m. Matinee on Thursday at 11 a.m.
NEW EAST END—"Doctor" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m.
REGAL—"Down Argentine Way" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
SUPER—"The Jungle Princess" 4-30, 7-15 and 9-45 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Great Guns" 4, 6-30 and 9-30
METRO—"Two Faced Woman" 3-30 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap" 2-30, 5-45, 8-45 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Paisa" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Apna Ghar" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Raja Rani" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m.
CHITRA—"Shadi" 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
PALACE—"It Started With Eve" 4 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EDWARD—"Gharki Laj" 4, 6-30 and 10
HIND-MATA—"Chanuan" 4-30, 7 and 10
MINERVA—"Taj Mahal" 3-30, 6-15 and 9
KOHINOOR—"Naya Sansar" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Kasauti" 4-15 7 and 10 p.m.
SWASTIK—"Nirdosh" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
PRAKASH—"Sant Tulsidas" 1, 3-45, 6-30 and 9-15 p.m.
AURORA—"Sikandar" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—The Percy Athos Follies 6-15 and 9-15 p.m. To-day at 3 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Khilauna" 3, 6 and 9

DASTURJI BODE'S LECTURE.—Dasturji Framroze A. Bode will deliver a lecture on "Our Spiritual Heritage" at the Mazdaznan Hall, Industrial Assurance Building, (Opp. Churchgate Station), to-day (Monday) at 6-15 p.m. (S.T.).

MAHIM PRIMARY MUSLIM LEAGUE.—Under the auspices of G Ward Muslim League, a public meeting of the Musalmans of Mahim and Dharavi will be held at Mahim Maidan, Cadell Road to-day (Monday) at 6 p.m. Miran Abdul Aziz of Lahore will preside.

ALL-INDIA VEERSHAIVA MAHASABHA.—At the meeting of the Reception Committee held on March 17th, Mr. M. S. Sirdar, the present President of the All-India Veershaiva Mahasabha, was re-elected President for the 15th Session of the Mahasabha to be held in Bombay this year.

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN EXTENSION LECTURES.—The next lecture under the auspices of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan will take place at 5 p.m. to-day (Monday) at University Buildings (South Wing, ground floor), on "Muslim Poets and Hindi Poetry" (In Hindi). The Speaker will be Shri S. D. Gyani.

STUDENTS' LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.—The 21st anniversary of the late Mr. G. B. Vaidya will be held in the G. B. Vaidya Memorial Hall, Nowroji Sheth Street, Thakurdwar, to-day (Monday) at 4 p.m. (S.T.) when Mrs. Manoramabai V. Wagle will preside and speak on the life and the work of the late Mr. Vaidya.

FREE DISPENSARY BHATIA MATERNITY.:
In all 1498 patients were treated at the Free Dispensary Bhatia Maternity Home, Fort, Bombay, during the month of January 1942. The average daily attendance was 48.3.

P. V. B. In Suburbs

(From Our Correspondent.)
KHAR, March, 20.

The Suburban District public have responded to the call of P. V. B. very enthusiastically.

Andheri, Vile-Parle, Santa-Cruz, and Khar have on roll not less than 300 Volunteers by now.

First Aid Classes and parade are the usual programmes for the volunteers and selected volunteers have been sent to obtain fire-fighting experience at different centres.

Night patrolling in groups is in progress, in the suburban towns to prevent dacoity and thefts owing to severe black-out and it is gratifying to note that since the taking up of night-patrolling work, there are no reports of thefts.

A.R.P. COMMITTEE MATUNGA.—Mr. S. Venguswamy, Class III Instructor will deliver a lecture on "Elementary Protection against H. E. Bomb" at 9 p.m. in Ramnarain Ruia College.

A.R.P. AT- GHATKOPAR.—Mr. D. S. Tilak, Class III Instructor will commence a class for training of Wardens at Ramji Assar High School to-day (Monday) at 9 p.m. There will be eight lectures in all for complete training of Wardens.

A.R.P. DADAR WEST.—Public Meeting will be held at Antonio Da Silva High School, Dadar, at 8-30 p.m. when Mr. A. F. S. Talyarkhan will speak on "National War Front" and Mr. D. Symington, A.R.P. Controller will preside.

FIRST AID AND A. R. P. CLASSES IN GHATKOPAR.—The Nagarik Samrakshak Sangh (Civil Defence Committee) Ghatkopar will conduct following classes at the Gurukul Gujarati School Hall Ghatkopar, for First Aid Training Instruction on Saturdays and Tuesdays from 9-0 to 10-00 p.m. by Dr. D. N. Dafatary. Air-Raid precautions training is given on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9-0 to 10-0 p.m. instruction is by Mr. Sitaram Veer, an A.R.P. trained instructor. These classes are free and open to the public.

B.P.M. DRIVERS' UNION.—Under the auspices of the Bombay, Private Motor Drivers' Union, a meeting of private drivers (chauffeurs) employed in Bombay and suburbs will be held to-day (Monday) at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Muzafferabad Hall near Grant Road Bridge, when Mr. K. F. Nariman will speak on the "Duties and Responsibilities of motor drivers in the present crisis."

PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEER BRIGADE. On behalf of "D" Ward P. V. B. Marathi First Aid Class will be started for ladies from to-day (Monday) at 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Library Hall, K. D. B. Nivas, Opp. Majestic Cinema, Girgaum Rd. Bombay 4. Dr. Ram Hegde will conduct the class.

Mr. M. J. Desai, I.C.S., who has been appointed Revenue Secretary to the Government of Bombay, was till recently Settlement Officer and Director of Land Records, Poona.

ON THE AIR

MONDAY, MARCH 23.

Delhi, I—Programme.

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)
4-30 p.m. For Indian troops 5 D. T. Joshi. 5-20 Zohrabai. 5-35 R. R. Chowdhury. 6-20 M. Sidqi. 6-25 Farhat Jahan Bibbo. 6-45 Our Defence Line. 6. 7 Lachhi Ram. 7-15 For villagers only 8 Love Letters. 4. 8-15 Do greet. 8-30 It has happened. 8-35 D. T. Joshi. 8-55 Next week's programmes. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Geet Aur Bhajan. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Zohrabai. 10-20 Asha Posley. 10-30 Farhat Jahan Bibbo.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
7-30 a.m. Sonibai. 7-50 News in English. 8 News in Hindustani. 8-10 G. N. Joshi. 8-30 Haribhau Ghangrekar. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Snehalata Marathe. 9-20 Air Quartet. 12-30 p.m. Bhajans. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 String music. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 Sonibai. 5-25 Ghazal Aur Geet. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Khayal in Khambavati. 6 News in English. 6-10 News in Hindustani. 6-20 Local news and announcements. 6-25 Local news and announcements. 6-30 Nana Ani Mani. 7 Berlin-na-Samachar. 7-15 Snehalata Marathe. 7-30 Sonibai. 7-45 News commentary. 7-50 Air Chorus party. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Sports review. 8-45 Radio Reconnaissance. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 War commentary. 9-55 Listening post. 10 G. N. Joshi. 10-20 Alap on Sitar. 10-25 Haribhau Ghangrekar.

Bombay II—Programme.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)
7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-50 Recitations from Hindustani poems. 8 Kannada song. 8-10 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Naghma on Sarinda. 8-55 Nisar Ahmed. 9-10 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1.
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)
12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1.
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)
5 to 6 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 6 Sonibai. 6-10 Gujarati geet. 6-20 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.
61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)
7-30 p.m. Commercial news. 7-45 to 8 As in Bombay 1. 8 Haribhau Ghangrekar. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Air Orchestra. 9-10 G. N. Joshi. 9-30 Olive Lloyd. 9-45 Rudy Cotton and his Swing Band.

Tributes To Late Mr. T. A. Gandhi's Memory

"The name of late Thakurdas Atmaram Gandhi deserves well to be perpetuated by the unveiling of his medallion, the performing ceremony of which had fortunately fallen to his lot" said Mr. K. M. Munshi in the course of his speech delivered on Sunday evening at T. A. Gandhi Lad Nivas, Ardeshir Dady Street, Vithalbhai Patel Road.

Continuing Mr. Munshi said, that late Mr. Thakurdas who was well-known to him from his childhood was hard working enthusiastic and was of a very charitable disposition. He did a great deal to uplift his Lad community which should be proud of him. He set a very good example to other wealthy persons of the city by financing the construction of residential buildings to be availed of by the poor and middle classes at cheap rents.

Messrs. T. Nagindas Master and Rathilal Maganlal Gandhi also made speeches paying tributes to the memory of Thakurdas.

URGENT MEETING OF THE B.P.C.C.

An Urgent Meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held to-day (Monday) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.), at the Congress House.

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"SCORCHED EARTH"

Writing in the current number of "Harijan" on 'Scorched Earth' Gandhiji urges Government to declare in unequivocal terms that "they will not apply, if the occasion ever arise, the scorched earth policy to India, especial regard being had to her peculiar position". His view of India's peculiar position is that in India, unlike Russia, the Government and the people are not identified in their policy and that, therefore, it will not be right for the former to destroy the people's wealth. Gandhiji opposes the scorched earth policy also from the stand-point of a war-resister saying: "I would far rather leave, if I must, my crops and homestead for the enemy to use than destroy them for the sake of preventing their use by him". Indian businessmen have also warned Government against a drastic application of the policy of scorched earth. The Bengal National Chamber of Commerce, the Muslim Chamber of Commerce and other business organizations of the Province, alarmed at the voluntary destruction wrought in Rangoon and in Malaya, have represented to Government that "the adoption of the scorched earth policy and destruction of property and industrial units, as reported by responsible persons to have been done in Rangoon by military authorities, would be inadvisable and entirely unnecessary in this country".

The Lesser Evil

Gandhiji's specific reference to the destruction of crops and homesteads and the Bengal businessmen's reference to industrial units show, not that there must be no voluntary destruction at all, but that it must be reduced to an absolute minimum. Nobody, for instance, would object to the voluntary destruction of weapons if the alternative is their use by the enemy. But the destruction of crops and homesteads is hardly defensible except under most exceptional circumstances. Ordinarily, a line has got to be drawn between two such extremes, though it is extremely difficult to draw the line to suit all contingencies. A highly useful thing for us is equally useful to the enemy against us and, therefore, most dangerous in his hands. It is sometimes stated that capital goods must be spared in preference to consumers' goods as they represent the enormous work of the past many years and can produce wealth for years in the future. But for that very reason some capital goods may be most useful to the enemy. In each case the evil of voluntary destruction is to be balanced against that of use against us by the enemy, and the lesser evil has to be chosen. And the greatest care should be taken to see that the destruction of things deliberately doomed, does not spread, as when things are set on fire, to property meant to be spared. All this is an extremely difficult task and some errors of judgment are inevitable. But these can and must be minimised. They can be minimised only if the persons deciding upon and carrying out the scorched earth policy are themselves Indians and responsible to the Indian people, even as the officers concerned in other countries are all nationals and responsible to their countrymen.

Wanted National Government

This is the point most emphasized by the Bengal businessmen in their representation to Government. They take their stand on the "fundamental difference between the countries where the representatives of the people are in charge of military direction and where the interests of those formulating and executing the scorched earth policy as part of national defence, are indissolubly bound with interests of the country and its people", and countries like India where "the present Government does not derive its power from the people". They also specifically warn Government that "if the strenuous efforts of nearly half a century on the part of Indian industrialists in building up the present industrial structure against heavy odds like the persistent opposition of British vested interests and the indifference and apathy of Government are destroyed in a panicky mood by military authorities not amenable to the control of the country's own nationals", such action is "liable to be misunderstood and will adversely affect the co-operation between the Government and the people, which is of the utmost importance in the prosecution of the war, when the enemy is knocking at our door". The fear about misunderstanding and its repercussions is not imaginary. In any case it is easier for any people to tolerate destruction by their own representatives than that by aliens. Look at it from any point of view, the various perplexing problems of the war can be satisfactorily solved only by a thoroughly National Government enjoying the full confidence of the people.

Fighting In Russia

For several days past official communiques from Moscow had invariably reported "no material changes" in the fighting. The latest communiques, however, again speak of offensive battles by the Red Army and liberation of several inhabited localities. The change in language is significant. For over a fortnight the Red Army has been threatening important German forces and positions of vital importance to Germany's present and future strategy. This threat has been growing daily so that, as a British commentator pointed out the other day, it is now on the eve of developing into big decisions. Does the change in the wording of the Moscow communique indicate the imminence of these decisions? Let us hope it does. Nor is this hope without reason. Semi-official reports from Russia and despatches to Swedish newspapers clearly suggest that Herr Hitler is facing a possible debacle on almost every sector of the front. The Staraya Russa garrison has reached the last critical days of its existence. And once it is liquidated and the region cleared Nazi besiegers of Leningrad will find their role reversed. That is not all. The position of the Nazi armies in the Smolensk sector will grow worse. It is already extremely bad. For, according to latest unofficial reports, the progress recently made by the Red Army threatens as many as 6,00,000 German troops with encirclement in the Vyasma region. If operations progress as successfully, as it is expected, the Fuhrer may rescue a proportion of his men but he would not be able to save the material that he has been accumulating in that region for months last or to avoid a strategic defeat involving retreat beyond Smolensk.

His position seems to be even more serious on the Southern front where Marshal Timoshenko is maintaining his pressure from Kharkov to the Crimea. Indeed, Kharkov is virtually surrounded and six German divisions are involved in the impending disaster to Field Marshal von Bock. It is extremely significant to note in this connection that Herr Hitler has summoned his dismissed Commander-in-Chief, Field Marshal von Brauchitsch, to advise von Bock in a last minute effort to save Kharkov. What desperate importance the Fuhrer attaches to this key city in the Ukrain is obvious from his new move. And it is intelligible, too, for the loss of Kharkov, let alone his six divisions, will have a disastrous effect not only on his present defensive struggle against Marshal Timoshenko but also on his spring and summer plans.

Battle For Upper Burma

Another important success has been officially announced for Australian and American aircraft. According to a Sydney communique, raids carried out on Rabaul on Friday last have resulted in the probable sinking of one Japanese heavy cruiser and severe damage to two others. Following on the big achievement of New Guinea which accounted for a great many warships and other Japanese ships this success is of considerable importance. Allied air activities indicate a planned campaign against Japan's invasion fleet. And if General MacArthur and General Brett have now got sufficient resources to carry it on as it has been begun the Japanese invasion fleet may yet be crippled so effectively as to render a full scale attack upon Australia a forbiddingly difficult proposition.

But what about Burma? The British commentator, "Annalist", suggests that the Japanese might content themselves with consolidating their hold on New Guinea and New Britain and with a defensive occupation of parts of Australia; but would press on with their drive against Burma. The latter they can do even independently of the progress of operations against Australia. And, indeed, they are doing it already. From their recent activities it is clear that the opening phase of the Battle for Upper Burma has already been entered Unfortunately Anglo-Chinese forces do not appear to be strong enough to stem the Japanese advance decisively. Two questions arise: Will General Alexander and General Stillwell be able to delay the speed of the enemy's advance and deny him decisive successes till reinforcements and other important supplies arrive? And are these on their way in adequate volume?

Frankly Speaking

Free French Raids

General Leclerc's Free French columns have undoubtedly done some good work in destroying several Italian outposts in the South Libyan desert. But they have not established themselves there and have, in fact, now returned to their bases in Chad territory. It was a kind of successful guerilla campaign, which, while causing severe and painful trouble to the Axis, could not influence the main operations in any decisive manner. It is possible, however, that should General Auchinleck strike again in Cyrenaica, General Leclerc might render useful assistance by repeating his achievements for which he has prepared the ground. But there is still no sign of any serious move in Cyrenaica. The Axis forces showed some activity a few days ago. It has again died down and the situation has once more lapsed into a state of suspended animation.

The Finance Bill

The Finance Bill has passed its third reading in the Central Assembly with the help of official votes, the Muslim League Party opposing it and the Nationalist Party remaining neutral. The League opposed the Bill mainly on the constitutional ground that Government had not yet transferred real power to the people. The Bill, as finally adopted, is much the same as the original, except that certain types of machinery have been excluded from the increased Customs duty and the income-tax limit has been raised from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 1,500. Both are important concessions, probably intended even at first to be made in the event of a general demand. But, apart from the merits or demerits of the Bill, it deserved to be thrown out on the purely constitution plea of "grievances before supplies."

Prize-Winning Essays On India

Under the title "Indian Students Look At World Affairs", the Oxford University Press has published the three essays which won first prizes in the Essay Competitions organised in 1941 in connection with the Oxford Pamphlets On World Affairs. The competitions were open to students of all Indian Universities. The three essays are on (1) The Position of India in the British Empire" by V Atalulla, B.A. (Hons.) Law College, Madras; (2) "Blockade in Modern Warfare" by Romesh Thapar, Government College, Lahore; and on "Hitler's Germany" by G. E. C. Sadoc, Christian College, Lucknow. All the three essays are ably written, particularly the first, which covers 15 of the 30 pages of the pamphlet. As regards the views expressed in the essays, allowance must be made for the agency organizing the competition. Yet the first essay reveals a refreshingly independent outlook on Indian politics. The author insists on Dominion Status being given to India, adding: "Whether India should remain a member of the Commonwealth or secede from it is surely a matter for free India of the future to decide, and not a condition precedent to be laid down now". More pleasing are the young writer's views on the communal problem. Speaking of the Hindus and Muslims, he says that their interests are "one and indivisible", that "Hinduism is one of the most tolerant of religions which has allowed within its fold fundamentally differing philosophies', and that, as regards Islam, "its prophet never connived at nor upheld intolerance". "The prophet of the brotherhood of man certainly did not preach the enmity of creeds". The author concludes this excellent part of his essay with the words: "A country that is geographically and politically one divides itself into two 'nations' only at the peril of total disintegration".

CHURCHILL-CURTIN CONTROVERSY

Correspondence Published: Misunderstanding Sequel To Delay In Arrival Of Telegram Marked "Most Urgent"

LONDON, March 22.

The controversy between Mr. Churchill and Mr. Curtin over the appointment of Mr. R. G. Casey to the British War Cabinet as the Minister of State in Cairo arose owing to the delay in the arrival of a telegram marked "most immediate' from London to Mr. Curtin, giving formal news of Mr. Casey's appointment. This is revealed by the text of correspondence between the two premiers published to-day by Mr. Churchill with Mr Curtin's cordial assent.

Mr. Churchill telegraphed Mr. Curtin on March 12 that he was thinking of offering the vacant post of the Minister of State in Cairo to Mr. Casey, and that the enquiry should be treated as extremely private. He had not opened it to Mr. Casey.

Mr. Curtin replied that the replacement of Mr. Casey would be a matter of great difficulty for Australia, and that, all things considered, probably it would be best if no approach were made at this juncture.

Mr. Churchill then replied that he had the opportunity of speaking to Mr. Casey in the train when he was in America, and learned from him that he was anxious for a change. "Indeed he suggested that he might go as "liaison" officer to the A. B. D. A. area, when this was being shaped". He asked that Mr. Curtin should reconsider his demurrer.

"NEVER INTIMATED TO HIM"

Mr. Curtin wired back that he would not stand in the way of Mr. Casey's desire for a change, but that such desire had never intimated to him.

Following the press statements made by Mr. Curtin, Mr. Churchill asked him that the matter be cleared up, otherwise he would be forced to publish the correspondence. Mr. Curtin replied assuring Mr. Churchill that his personal part in the matter was above reproach and that he had no complaint in the matter whatever. "I told Mr. Casey the wishes of the Australian Government were to make no change, but said that we would not press him to remain in the service of Australia."

Mr. Churchill pointed out finally regarding Mr. Curtin's complaints that he had not been informed of Mr. Casey's appointment before the B. B. C. broadcast it, that a telegram marked "most immediate" containing the text had been sent to him apparently this had been delayed.—Reuter.

Imam Husain's Moral Heritage

NEW DELHI, March 21.

"Our peril is universal and our action must no longer remain like fire in the womb of the earth. It must now burst forth in great impetuosity and set the whole country in dynamic motion" observed Sir Syed Sultan Ahmed at the opening meeting of the 1,300th anniversary of Imam Husain over which Sir A. Ramaswamy Mudaliar presided.

Sir Sultan said that Imam Husain had worked for us the moral for an all-out resistance to ruthless enemy and we are to achieve the hopes of human race by resorting to the fight on the strength of this moral heritage. "The history of Kerbala gives just the key to the understanding of our duty and the shaping of our conduct in the predicament now brought about in the present world war. Imam Husain's steadfastness to truth, his loyalty to the righteous tradition, the resolute devotion that he inspired by his personality amongst his followers, that spirit that sustained him in his utterly unequal fight against a swarm of ruthless enemy, the pathos of his sacrifices for a cause than which nothing is dearer—all an event of the remote past has to-day a message—a most stirring message—for those engaged in the defence of the sacred rights of their country's freedom and rights of humanity against an enemy of diabolical perversity.—A. P.

Jam Sahib On Husain's Sacrifice

NEW DELHI, Mar. 22.

In a fervent appeal to the people of India to take an example from the life of the great Mohamedan Saint Imam Husain who preferred death with honour to life in dishonour and sacrificed not only his kith and kin but himself in the cause of justice and liberty, His Highness the Jam Sahib of Nawanagar, who presided over the Imam Husain Centenary Celebration this morning urged Indians to join in the defence of their motherland in this critical hour of our history when the very things Imam Husain sacrificed his life for were again being threatened by the godless aggressors.—A. P.

RANGA ON "COLONIAL PEOPLES FRONT"

NEW DELHI, Mar. 22.

Prof. N. G. Ranga who arrived here this morning met Gandhiji at Wardha 'en route' and discussed with him, it is understood, the need for organising a Colonial People's Freedom Front in order to facilitate the attainment of freedom by all colonial peoples after the war. He met Acharya Narendra Dev.

Prof. Ranga meets Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru at Allahabad on March 30 and from there proceeds to Bhita to meet Swami Sahajanand.—United Press.

MAHATMA AGAINST SCORCHING POLICY

Wants Unequivocal Declaration From Government

BOMBAY, March 22.

A PLEA TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA THAT THEY WILL CONSIDERABLY EASE THE SITUATION AND ALLAY ANXIETY IF THEY UNEQUIVOCALLY DECLARED THAT THEY WILL NOT APPLY, IF OCCASION EVER AROSE, THE SCORCHED POLICY TO INDIA, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF INDIA'S PECULIAR CONDITION, IS MADE BY MAHATMA GANDHI, IN A SIGNED ARTICLE IN THE "HARIJAN" OF TO-DAY.

MAHATMA GANDHI EXPRESSES SATISFACTION THAT INDIAN OPINION IS BEING EXPRESSED AGAINST THE POLICY OF SCORCHING.—A P

Mahatma Pained At Reading Jinnah's Answer To His Appeal

AHMEDABAD, March 22.

"I have read the Quaid-e-Azam's answer to my appeal. It has caused me deep pain. I had expected a better response", writes Mahatma Gandhi in today's "Harijan."

He adds: "The reproduction of the whole offending article would make worse reading. For the whole of it is venomous. Quaid-e-Azam knows that I do not hesitate to criticise any party or person whenever the occasion demands criticism. I have more than once criticised unbecoming writings in the non-Muslim Press.

"I do not know the writer of the offending article. If he is a Hindu, it makes the Quaide-Azam's defence of it all the worse for it. I am sorry that the Quaid-e-Azam has resorted to special pleading for defending the indefensible. This unexpected defence of an article designed to wound deep susceptibilities makes ominous reading."—United Press.

Mahatma Pleads For Taking To Spinning

AHMEDABAD, March 22.

"It is possible that many workers will migrate with their masters. Those who do not will have to seek out some occupation for themselves in the villages. One of these is spinning. It would be as well for all such to prepare themselves for the crisis."

Thus writes Mahatma Gandhi in to-day's "Harijan Sevak" in reply to a question as to what should be the duty of those who are employed in the cities all their lives and who have no money and no ancestral homes in the villages. If they migrate there.—United Press.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

".....success in a modern war requires something more than courage and willingness to die. It requires careful preparations. This means furnishing sufficient troops with sufficient material to meet the known strength of the potential enemy."

—General MacArthur.

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According to Professor Harold Laski, the well-known British Socialist, "a free India would be the greatest victory we have won since 1939. It would prove beyond dispute that we do, indeed, fight for freedom and democracy."

The Professor apparently is too naive to realise that this is what is worrying many of his countrymen in Britain and India.

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One of the most important, by far the most vital things in connection with Sir Stafford Cripps has been satisfactorily decided by the Viceroy. There can now be no doubt that the war is won definitely and irrevocably.

Eh? You haven't guessed? How surprising, and yet how like you! Why, it's the question of status which Sir Stafford Cripps should have during his stay in India under the Warrant of Precedence.

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Sir Stafford, it is announced, will rank —next to members of the Viceroy's Executive Council.

Yes, it is the final climacteric of the world War.

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By the way, the Junior colleague asked us if he should not congratulate Sir Stafford Cripps on the honour conferred upon a member of Britain's War Cabinet by the head of a subordinate branch of British administration.

We did not return any answer. We were and are still awe-struck at the tremendous immensity of the event.

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Sir Sikandar Hayat has categorically denied the reports of his resignation from the Muslim League which he characterises as "canard."

We have—this Junior Colleague has become an exasperating nuisance, he has made us forget what we were going to say. With his irreverent interjection, "does Sir Sikandar refer to the Muslim League or the report?"

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Reuters are allowed to reveal from Cairo that paratroops have been in training in the Middle East where regular units of these troops now exist.

Do they? Hurray!

But why? We mean why this revelation?

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A protocol has been signed at Kuibyshev, extending the existing fishing convention between the U. S. S. R. and Japan.

When Japan will start "fishing" in Russo-Japanese waters is, however not yet certain.

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Marshal von Brauchitsche, dismissed by the Fuhrer a few months ago, has been summoned by him to help Marshal von Bock and save Kharkov.

Clever man the Fuhrer, for, otherwise, he would be obliged, on the fall of Kharkov, to dismiss the present Supreme Commander.

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For the first time after many months Marshal Petain is reported to have held a full meeting of his Cabinet.

Our astrological forecast is: the position of the stars clearly indicates an important development at Riom.

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"Is your daughter improving in her music?"

"No. But the next thing is happening. She's getting tired of it."

OUR READERS' VIEWS

A. R. P. Telephones

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir—With regards the possibility of our cities being bombed, I suggest that the A. R. P. have a central telephone message receiving department where the public may ring for immediate help. The number of this department should be "I" or "O" only as it would be possible to remember this single digit, and find it even if the 'phone is in complete darkness as is quite possible during raids due to failure of power. Again the connection would be made in shortest possible time and several lines must be laid for this emergency call number.—Yours etc.

PALLONJI HIRA MEHTA

Army Changes

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—A day or two ago we were reading that when the High Command is satisfied that every junior officer knows his job....new plans will be brought into operation, and now we see yet another change among Generals—Alexander replacing Hutton in Burma.

I wish I were sure that every junior was in turn satisfied that the higher commanders knew their job.—Yours, etc.,

H. SAMUEL,
Royal Bombay Yacht Club.

Elect Meherally As Mayor

Mr. B. F. Bharucha writes:—

He is quite able and indefatigable. He is strong, staunch and steady. He is a keen student of Civics and Politics and has considerable experience in all spheres of public activity. He is a Nationalist and Socialist, and a devout Congressman. He is a bit abrupt and perhaps too frank and independent. That may not suit the 'Yes men' in the Corporation. But, Meherally deserves to be Bombay's Mayor without doubt, and City Fathers should elect him without fail.

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To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—I heartily endorse what Mr. K. F. Nariman has written about Mr. Meher Ali. He fully deserves to be elected as Mayor and it is the duty of the Congress Party in the Corporation to give its full unstinted support to this move which is bound to create a very good impression on the Muslim mind. It will be a grievous blunder if the Congress Party takes a different course.—Yours etc.

A MUSLIM.

A Question Of "Virtue"

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—The controversy raised on the Mahatma's remark in the "Harijan": "Whilst the woman has in point of fact lost her virtue," made me think of what Shakespeare has said on this question for all times.

"Poor wounded name—
My bosom as a bed shall lodge thee."

—Yours, etc.

KERSIE MERCHANT.

Momins And Muslim League

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,+"Since the news of Sir Stafford Cripps' coming to India has flashed in the newspapers, some interested political parties in India have begun to play their old game of bringing about a disruption among Mussalmans of this country. Their sole object is to reduce Muslim solidarity into several groups and set one against other. Some self-interested individual Muslims have fallen victims to such subtle tactics under the guise of different classes and interests and are attempting to manoeuvre against the Muslim League.

Recently a letter was published in the issue of "Bombay Chronicle" of 19th March in which the writer Mr. Sayeed has made an allegation against the Muslim League. He says that some Momin fifth columnists are being used against the Momin Conference but I would ask Mr. Sayeed to allow me to tell him that the same allegation more appropriately can be levelled against him and his associates, if any, because he admits that there are some Momins who support Muslim League. It is not unusual if they contradict the claim of self-made representatives of the Momin Community. Further he says that Momins are cent per cent Mussalmans. We all knew that, and with this knowledge the Muslim League is calling upon all the Mussalman to rally round the banner of Muslim League irrespective of the class and creed. Certainly the Muslim League has right to call upon the Muslims in the name of Islam and Muslim solidarity to strengthen the cause of Muslim League and there is nothing to be complained of by him or the people of his thought. Finally I want to assure him that dividing Muslmans or Momins is not the policy of Muslim League, it stands for the united front of the Muslim nation in India with its goal of Pakistan which will alone emancipate the Muslim masses in this country from the repression and oppression of others.—Yours, etc.,

M. H. S.

"School Examination"

To the Editor of The "Chronicle."

Sir,—With reference to the correspondence regarding St. Isabel's School, I have also experienced the discourteous shaviour of the authorities of this school. I will remind Miss Lily Baptista of the insulting treatment meted out to an elderly lady-head of a family sending six children to the said school when the latter requested that the examination fixed for the 10th of Muharram should be postponed at least for the Muslim children.

With regard to the present controversy, Miss Baptista has to explain why her school should not follow the lead given by the University, Municipality and most of the schools in Bombay and hold the examination earlier.

Moreover, there can be no justification to show annoyance and discourtesy if a parent of her pupil chooses to call at her residence for legitimate business.—Yours etc.

A. JAFERBHAI.

P. V. B.

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—In these days of worsening war situation, with the danger of the bombing of Bombay ever looming overhead, the public in general looked enthusiastically to the People's Volunteer Brigade and the noble motives that underline its mission. But unfortunately, the later events have disillusioned the right-thinking citizens of Bombay.

The P. V. B. professes to serve the people of all communities and planned their work accordingly. With this aim, several sub-committees have been formed. It is a matter of surprise to see that none representing the minorities are taken in any of these sub-committees as office-bearers.—Yours etc.

G. K. R.

Konkan Passengers' Hardships

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—As only one steamer is running on the Konkan coast for Ratnagiri and not beyond, many people who want to go to Malwan and Vengurla go by train. They are stranded either at Kalhapur or Belgaum and have to suffer great hardship as they don't get sufficient accommodation in buses to go to Malwan, Vengurla, Goa, or Karwar. Those who go by steamer are stranded at Ratnagiri owing to insufficient accommodation in buses going to Rajapur, Jaitapur, Vijaydurga, Deogad, Malwan and Vengurla due to petrol rationing. These men, women and children who are stranded at Ratnagiri have to suffer great hardships owing to want of accommodation, food and water.

I had occasion to go to Ratnagiri on last Thursday by the s.s. "Chandravati" of the Bombay Steam Navigation Company, and I saw that the steamer was crowded to its fullest capacity which is about one thousand passengers. After landing at Ratnagiri the passengers have to visit for a long time at the office of the steamer company for their luggage which is separated from them at the time of disembarking. Then those who want to go to places beyond Ratnagiri go to the motor stand, but to their great disappointment they find that buses are not available for all of them on account of shortage of petrol. This matter was brought to my notice on Friday morning by some passengers. Fortunately the Regional Transport Authority was present there and I placed the grievances of the passagers before him. He told me the difficulties of getting more petrol owing to war situation. However, he was good enough to arrange to run 6 or 7 buses for Jaigad, Rajapur and Kankavli and asked the motor agents, Messrs Shirke Bros., to make lodging and water arrangement for the rest of passengers and to send them all by buses next day. I then appealed to the R. T. A. to arrange to give more quota of petrol in order to enable the motor agents to run more buses and I am glad to say that after my return to Bombay on Saturday morning I received the following telegram from Messrs. Shirke Bros. "Many thanks for your kind efforts. Twelve extra buses allowed up to Kankavli."

I have to express my thanks to the R. T. A. for making this concession and giving this relief to the passengers to some extent.

I have now to appeal to Government to release at least one steamer of the Bombay Steam Navigation Company, which will then be able to run the steamer to Jaigad, Jaitapur, Vijayadurga, Deogad, Malwan and Vengurla and relieve the sufferings and hardships of the Konkan passengers.—Yours etc.,

S. K. BOLE

A Day Of National Prayer

To the Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—War-grim horrible war, bringing in its wake bloodshed and carnage and destitution and starvation to the innocent millions, is creeping towards India. As things look at present, only a miracle can save mother India—Mother India who has done or wished evil to none, whose record has been so far clean and righteous in her relations with her neighbours. But such miracles have happened in the past, and may happen again if we do not lose heart. If we keep our heads up and put our trust and faith in the loving kindness of Almighty God.

It is traditional with us Indians, it is a creed with our religions, that to avert an impending disaster we invoke the blessings of Allah, Vishnu, Rama, Hormuzd, Mother Mary—we fast for a day and we go to the church, the temple and the mosque to seek God's intercession. Could we not all of us, the Congressite, the Muslim Leaguer, the Mahasabhite, the Democrat, the Nationalist, the Liberal, the No-changer, set of us sink our superficial differences for the nonce, and fix a National Day for fast and prayer? I say, we could, sir, if the powerful voice of the press all over the country takes up the cry for a National Day for Fasting and Prayer to avert War—keep grim horrible war from India's shores and frontiers. In doing so, we will wish evil to none—not even our enemies; only we will wish well to humanity, and we will save thousands of tons of food for the nations!—Yours etc.,

N. D. SANKHAR.

To Fight Nazis

Siberia Can Give Scores Of Divisions

Russians Retake Several Inhabited Localities

MOSCOW, March 22.

Siberia is ready to give the East Front scores of well-trained divisions, says the Brigade Commissar Kusmin of the Siberian Military Council in an article in the "Red Star".

These troops have been trained in a variety of terrains and under conditions closely resembling those at the front. Leaders were drafted from Siberian units, which had earned a well-deserved name in fighting. Close contact was maintained with those units so that every particle of practical experience should be incorporated in training the new formations. Every arm is represented and the same care and attentions are paid to each.

The Soviet Midnight 'communique' states: "Our troops on several sectors of the front waged offensive battles during March 21 and occupied several inhabited localities. On March 20th, 25 enemy planes were brought down. Our losses were five planes. On March 21, two German planes were brought down near Moscow."

1,600 NAZIS KILLED

Russian troops operating on several sectors of the Leningrad front destroyed eight German block-houses, ten heavy machine-guns, two mortar batteries and killed 1,600 officers and men, states a Soviet supplementary 'communique.' In one sector of the western front the 'communique' says: A Guards unit wiped out 922 German officers and men.

AIR COMBAT

The 'communique' adds that four Russian fliers on patrol work encountered ten German aircraft. "In spite of the numerical superiority of the enemy our airmen boldly engaged them. Air-combat went on for ten minutes, as a result of which five enemy aircraft were brought down. All our aircraft returned to their bases without loss."

The Germans carried out a number of counter attacks on several sectors of the south-western front and the 'communique' adds that these were all repulsed with heavy losses. In one sector during two days fighting the German lost 500 officers and men killed.

Berlin Claim

BERLIN:—A 'communique' reports renewed Russian attacks on the Kerch Peninsula, which, it claims, were repulsed. Important installations in Leningrad have been shelled, says the 'communique' which also reports widespread activities by the Luftwaffe, including bombing of harbour installations in the Kerch, the Donetz area, the central sector of the eastern front and south of Lake Ilmen.

RAID ON MALTA

Strong formations of German dive-bombers attacked military installations in Malta throughout Saturday, says the 'communique' which claims that German U-boats attacked a strongly protected British convoy in the Mediterranean.

FINNISH 'COMMUNIQUE'

A Finnish 'communique' to-day according to the Lahti radio says." In the southern part of the eastern front, our artillery and trench-mortar fire dispersed an enemy column of a company in strength which attempted to make an attack. From other fronts there is nothing new to report."

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Britain's Timely Aid To Russia

LONDON, Mar. 21.

Some of the British tanks sent to Russia were in action eight days after their arrival. That was when Moscow was being threatened. Staff Sergeant Cheney, one of two N. C. O.'s who has just returned from Russia, said that war material was being sent out in large quantities and convoys were arriving regularly. His job was inspecting material arriving, carrying out minor repairs and instructing Russians in its use.

"We had about the best stuff England is producing sent out", he said. We noticed that some of the tanks' dates showed that they were only manufactured two months before they reached us.

Sergeant John W. Harrington, the other N. C. O., said that during the four months they were in Russia they had very few idle days. Convoys arrived frequently with tanks, field artillery, machine-guns, bren-gun carriers clothing and equipment and a large quantity of sugar.—Reuter.

FATE OF FLEEING NAZI SOLDIERS

Shot Down By Own Officers

MOSCOW, Mar. 21.

Prisoners from the Germans-encircled 16th army captured by the Russians on the Staraya Russa front have testified that they were made to fight to the last bullet, and that those fleeing inevitably came under fire from an officer's dugout. The Soviet Commanders discovered that all passages and trenches in the captured German strong point led to the officer's dugout, thus fleeing soldiers would have to run the gauntlet. The Russians are distributing thousands of leaflets over the German lines explaining the hopelessness of German resistance. The number of surrendering soldiers is increasing, but the Germans are still hanging on desperately and defending each fold of well-fortified terrain.—Reuter

POSTMAN'S STORY OF SINGAPORE

NEW DELHI, March 21.

An account of indiscriminate bombing of Singapore by the Japanese resulting in heavy civil casualties was given by a postman who came to India in an evacuee ship recently.

He said Singapore was first bombed in December, but the bombardment was not on a large scale. Thereafter stray enemy planes hovered over the city day and night but our planes drove off the invaders. Later, batches of 30 and 40 bombarded the city. The casualties were high. Many people left the city and took refuge in the jungles.

Enemy planes then dropped chits in Hindi, Urdu, Tamil, Burmese, Chinese, English and Malaya languages saying that it was not their intention to harm Indians. To escape bombing, they advised Indians to wear white clothes and assemble in the open when an air raid siren was sounded. Indians were on no account to wear khaki clothes.

When the next air raid occurred, many Indians, believing the Japanese, made for the open in white clothes. The enemy rained bombs over them and as there was little protection in the open, casualties were very heavy.

The evacuee also stated that the people of Singapore were confident that the enemy would be beaten off from the Island. For this reason many people did not leave the city earlier than they did.—A. P.

Every Time Adolf Opens His Mouth.

No Truth Whatsoever, Says Sir Sikandar

LAHORE, Mar. 22.

A categorical denial of the report that he had decided to sever his connection with the Muslim League was made by Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, on his arrival here from Delhi to-day. He declared that there was no truth whatsoever in this "canard."

Asked about the progress of his efforts for a political settlement between the Congress and the Muslim League, Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan said that he will be in a position to say something on the subject in a day or two.

The Premier is proceeding to Ferozepur this afternoon to perform the "Dastarbandi" (succession) ceremony of the heir and son of Late Nawab Sir Shah Nawaz Khan of Mamdot.—A. P.

Fire In Mangaldas Market

BOMBAY, Sunday.

A fire broke out this evening in shop No. 42, Mangaldas Market, causing damage to the extent of a few thousands. Three fire engines were on the scene and brought the fire under control in about twenty minutes.

Bombay Provincial Hockey Tournament

B. B. AND C. I. RAILWAY AND LUSITANIANS DRAW AGAIN IN FINAL

A large crowd turned up again at the Association ground on Sunday evening to witness the replay in the final of the Bombay Provincial Hockey Tournament the rival parties being the B. B. and C. I. Railway, League Champions, and the Lusitanians Sporting Club. As it was in the initial engagement, the replay ended in a goalless draw. The teams will try conclusions again this evening at 5-30 p. m.

On the day's play, the Railwaymen should have won. Not only did they have the better of the exchanges, they missed a couple of golden opportunities in each half almost from point blank range. The Lusitanians must thank their defenders for holding the Railway attackers at bay.

RESULT:

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY nil.
LUSITANIAN S.C. nil.

TEAMS:—

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY: A. De Sales; O. Ferreira and Ismailkhan; Agre, Ambrose DeSouza and Eg. D'Souza; Woodcock, Kishen, Yusuf, Murzello and G. Fernandes.

LUSITANIANS S.C.:—L. Pinto, J. Fernandes and F. D'Souza, Maxie Vaz, F. Gama, and P. D'Souza; N. Fernandes, F. Fernandes, C. D'Souza, L. Gama, and J. Agnel.

UMPIRES: N. C. Nagporewalla and J. A. Scott.

At the conclusion of the game, Raja Dhanrajgirji will preside and distribute the prizes.

ANEY'S ASSURANCE TO DEPUTATION

NEW DELHI, March 22.

Two deputations of Indians owing large properties and other interests in Burma, one led by Raja Sir Anamalai Chettiyar and the other by Rai Bahadur M. G. Kapadia, waited on the Hon. Mr. M. S. Aney, Overseas Member, yesterday and submitted a written memorandum recording "huge losses suffered by Indians due to looting and destruction of properties in Burma, terrible hardship, serious lack of facilities and discrimination experienced by them in returning to India and neglect by the Government of Burma in providing for needed and reasonable protection to the life and property of Indians in that country."

ANEY'S ASSURANCE

Mr. Aney, it is understood, gave a patient hearing and assured them that all possible steps were being taken to minimise the difficulties of Indians returning to India and that he himself proposed to proceed to the spot as soon as possible to study the situation. The appointment of a special officer for this purpose was also under contemplation.

The legal position as regards the payment of compensation for the loss and destruction of properties either requisitioned, looted or destroyed for military reasons, it is gathered, will be examined.

The deputations, it is learnt, were told that the Overseas Department would have no objection to register a record of properties, movable or immovable, held by Indians in Burma for the loss and destruction of which they desire to claim compensation.—United Press.

U. S. Giant Bomber Takes Off

NEW YORK, Mar. 22.

Under the throbbing power of its own four engines, the first mass produced giant bomber was run off the assembly line of a plant in Southern California this week. Fed along a continually moving assembly line over 100,000 parts built up the bomber's skeleton until at the end of the line the finished aircraft taxied to the testing field. A fortnight after America's entry into the war this plant, which is the world's first mass-production aeroplane assembly line, was placed under the direction of Mr. T. M. Girdler Sirl—a Pittsburgh steel man, who until recently was an irreconcilable opponent of President Roosevelt and the 'New Deal', but who is now just another American industrialist doing his utmost to help the war effort.

FOOD'S EFFORT.

Halfway across the Continent, near Detroit, Mr. Henry Ford is putting the finishing touch to the world's biggest factory, a vast hall, half a mile long and a quartermile broad, in which assembly lines with the goal of a bomber an hour, will shortly begin to move.

In a world famous automobile body works, which has now been wholly converted to tank production, five-hundred-ton presses shape armoured steel sheets with the same speed at three months ago they turned out unlimited quantities of automobile bodies.

The speed at which the armament programme is taking shape was indicated by the President when he referred to the possible shortage of skilled labour by autumn. The President refused, however, to be drawn into comment on whether the shortage could be met out of a further pool of thirteen million men between the ages of 45 and 65 who will register for service next month.

PROGRESS OF NAVA JIVAN SANGH

The annual general meeting of the Nava Jivan Sangh was, held at the Bullion Hall, Zaveri Bazar, on Sunday evening, when Sjt. Shrirambhai reviewed the activities and work done in the field of village industries by the Sangh. He said in the year of 1928 the Sangh was started by a few enthusiast workers. To-day it has five centres in the city.

Presiding over the function Mr. B. G. Kher said Mahatma Gandhi has shown us the right way for bettering the condition of masses and under his direction the Village Industries Association has been established. He expressed satisfaction at the work of the Nava Jivan Sangh and appealed for support to it.

Mr. Abidali Jaferbhoy and Mr. Nath also spoke.

Mr. Vaikuntlal Mehta thanked the president.

Gopalan Defence Fund

The Government of Madras have passed orders staying execution of Sri K. P. R. Gopalan till 26th March by which time an appeal to the Privy Council has to be filed. The expenses for this appeal will be about Rs. 4,000. Kerala is making frantic attempts to make up the sum. We appeal to the citizens of Bombay to come forward immediately with contributions to Gopalan Defence Fund, so that the same could be made up immediately. Contributions should be sent to Sjt. Abidally Jafferbhai, East View, Raghoji Road, Gowalia Tank.

KOLHAPUR APPEAL TO 'SAVE GOPALAN'

(From Our Correspondent)

KOLHAPUR, Mar. 22.

At a largely attended meeting held here under the auspices of the Hindu Sabha, Shrijut Bhalji Pendharkar presiding, it was unanimously resolved to request the Viceroy and the Secretary of State for India to intervene and immediately commute the death sentence of Shrijut Gopalan Nambiar.

TREMOR FELT AT SIMLA

SIMLA, March 22.

A slight earthquake tremor was felt in Simla to-day at about 7-45. a. m.—A. P.

JINNAH'S APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR LEAGUE

NEW DELHI, Mar. 22.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah has issued the following appeal to the Mussalmans of India in the course of which he says:—

"You know the world is in a great turmoil. We must, therefore, be fully prepared to deal with all exigencies and critical situations that may arise or develop from time to time, with courage, calmness, self-reliance and fortitude.

"The renaissance of Indian Muslims began about five years ago under the banner of the All-India Muslim League. We have, I am glad to say, made big strides, but you must realise that we are still far away from being efficiently and fully organised to be able to reach our destination. We have yet to achieve and accomplish our goal of Pakistan.

"So far we have not raised any general funds and have managed somehow or other with the meagre means at our disposal. This is the first time that I am making an appeal seriously and solemnly for funds, as I feel that the time has come when it is no longer possible to carry on the administration at home and propaganda abroad.

"I, therefore, most earnestly appeal to every Mussalman, rich or poor, to contribute his or her mite to the fund of the All-India Muslim League. "The best course for those who wish to help us is to send their contributions direct to me for the purposes mentioned above.

"I cannot impress too strongly upon the Mussalmans of India that the present is the most critical time in our history and if we are not well-equipped, vigilant or active, there might be a setback for us from which we may never recover. I am confident that my appeal will not fail.

"Islam expects every Mussalman to do his duty by his people and by his nation."—A. P.

"We Are Coming, Hirohito!"

RAJAJI'S TIP TO CRIPPS

(Continued from page 1)

press opinion on the proposed constitutional reforms, the Conference called upon all Muslims and Muslim organisations in India to sit together and formulate a common formula, agreeable to all schools of thought, to be presented to Sir Stafford Cripps.

PUNJAB HARIJAN M.L.A.'s DEMANDS

(From Our Correspondent)

LAHORE, Mar. 20.

Four Scheduled Castes Opposition Assembly members requests the Viceroy to afford them an opportunity of meeting Sir Stafford Cripps to present the case independently of the Ministry.

Invitation To Parlakimedi

CUTTACK, March 22.

The Maharaja of Parlakimedi, Premier of Orissa, has been invited to meet Sir Stafford Cripps on or about March 26.—A. P.

Anglo-Indians To Meet Cripps

NEW DELHI, Mar. 22.

At a meeting of the representatives of the Anglo-Indian community in India held here to-day, it was decided that a deputation of the Anglo-Indians should wait on Sir Stafford Cripps to discuss with him constitutional changes in India.—United Press.

Bombay Governor Leaves

The Governor of Bombay attended by Flight-Lieut. the Lord Wharton Aide-de-Camp, left Bombay for Delhi.

"C. R." To Go To Delhi

MADRAS, March 22.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar who returned to Madras from Wardha last evening, after attending the Congress Working Committee meeting, will proceed to Delhi early next week.—A. P.

NAWAB OF CHHATARI.

HYDERABAD (Dn.), March 22.

The Nawab of Chhatari, President of H. E. H.'s Executive Council, who has been nominated to the Princes Committee constituted to represent the case of the States before Sir Stafford Cripps is leaving for Delhi tomorrow.—United Press.

Bihar Kisan Leader Arrested

PATNA, March 22.

Mr. Jadunandan Sharma, a prominent Kisan leader of Bihar was arrested at Jehanabad (Gaya district) this morning under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

JAPANESE TRY IT NOW ON MACARTHUR'S SUCCESSOR

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tion as an operating base against the Japanese.—Reuter.

CHINESE GUERILLAS PUNISH INVADERS

BOMBAY, March 21.

To-day's Chinese 'communique', as released by the official News Agency stated that Chinese forces operating behind enemy lines in Kwangyung, attacked at a point some 50 kilometres south-west of Canton during this week and inflicted a considerable number of casualties on the Japanese.

While Japanese aircraft have been carrying out reconnaissance flights and bombing raids over Southern Honan and Western Kwangtung during the past few days, the western and southern districts of Kiangsi. So reported frequent appearances of enemy reconnaissance planes.

Chinese positions, opposite Amoy in Fukien, have been shelled by Japanese artillery, apparently in an attempt to prevent Chinese commandoes from carrying out further raids against Amoy, which is an important enemy supply base.—A. P.

TOKIO CHARGE AGAINST U. S. AND BRITAIN

TOKYO, March 21.

"Britain and the United States have completely disregarded International Law and are employing extreme warfare, based on retaliation", says the Japanese official News Agency.

It is announced here that in consequence the Imperial Navy has promulgated an ordinance revising the Naval Warfare Regulation embodied in the Navy Ordinance No. 8 of 1914 since the enemy is employing illegal naval warfare tactics.

WASHINGTON REACTION

WASHINGTON: The question of the Japanese accusation that the British and the United States forces have been unduly ruthless in their methods of warfare was raised to-day by the Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, who expressed doubt whether the world would take the Japanese charge seriously. The Japanese Government should know, said Mr. Sumner-Welles, that if any nations in the world have shown complete disregard in ruthless warfare of the precedents of International Law, then Germany and Japan certainly fall into that category.—Reuter.

JAPS OCCUPY HSIANGSHAN

CHUNGKING, March 21.

It is announced that the Japanese have occupied Hsiangshan harbour, south of Ningpo on the Chekiang coast. The Japanese are evidently tightening their grip on this coast in order to prevent the allies from establishing air bases from where they would be able to bomb Japan. Hsiangshan is only about 600 miles from the southernmost point of Japan.—Reuter.

"Free India—An Asset To Democracies

CHUNGKING: "Free India would be a great asset to the democracies" said Dr. Wang-Chung-Kui, Secretary-General of the Supreme National Defence Council. "India is seeking an early realisation of its aspiration for freedom." It is my frank opinion that Britain has nothing to lose from this Indian aspiration."

INDIAN ARCHITECTS' CONGRESS

Declaring open the Indian Architects' Congress alias the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Indian Institute of Architects, the President Mr. D. W. Ditchburn said that the architect, contractor and the client should co-operate for the successful results of an undertaking. The Congress was held at the premises of the institute at Prospect Chambers Annexe on Sunday afternoon and attended by a large number of the city's architects.

In a debate on the various problems that confronted the architect fraternity, Mr. Kapadia, one of the speakers, emphasised that the contract system should be abolished.

The rest of the speakers, who followed Mr. Kapadia, stressed the importance of the contractor in the whole scheme of things but at the same time they maintained that there was a great deal to be improved in the system.

The President in his concluding remarks answered each point that had been raised during the debate. He also justified the existing state of things and suggested methods for improvement whenever necessary.

The Congress will continue to-day, Monday, and will be wound up with a dinner at the Taj at which His Excellency Sir Roger and Lady Lumley will be the guests of honour.

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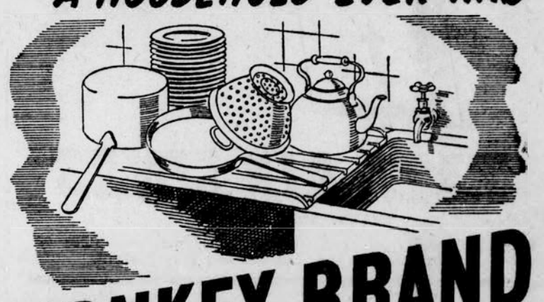

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"VATICAN MUST REMAIN NEUTRAL"

NEW YORK, March 21.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York, Monsignor Spellman, in a sermon on Saturday said that the Vatican must remain neutrel and a possible acceptance of the Japanese diplomatic mission to the Holy See would be entirely justified.

"Leaders of nations tried to influence the Holy Father one side or the other but the Holy Father must be impartial" Monsignor Spellman said.

"The Holy See must accept envoys who choose to make their contacts with the Holy See".—Reuter.

Nawab Of Bhopal And Chamber Of Princes

NEW DELHI, March 22.

The Secretary to the Chancellor of the Chamber Princes has issued the following statement:—

"I am authorised by the Chancellor and the Nawab of Bhopal to state that the news which recently appeared in the Press, that the Nawab of Bhopal has resigned from the Chamber is misleading and not in accordance with the fact. The Nawab has indicated that he is temporarily abstaining from active participation in the Chamber of Princes. His Ministers continue to represent Bhopal in the Council of Ministers set up under the reorganisation scheme of the Chamber of Princes".—United Press.

NO INCREASE IN FREIGHT FOR WHEAT TRANSPORT

NEW DELHI, March 22.

The Bombay Baroda and Central India and Jodhpur State Railway had announced that freight rate for transport of wheat from Sind to Bombay would be doubled from the first April, 1942. Several representations having been received against the increase of the freight rate, the "Associated Press" understands that the two railways concerned have decided not to give effect to the proposal for increase but to maintain the existing rate.—A. P.

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BURMA FRONT AS JAPAN'S MAIN OBJECTIVE

LONDON, March 21.

(Military Commentary by Annalist):—

There are good grounds for supposing that a full-scale attempt to conquer Australia may not be Japan's primary aim. The immense distance of Australia from Japanese bases, the gathering weight of American forces in Australian territory and the nature of the Commonwealth itself which, although not highly populated, is for its size very highly industrialised and, therefore, more formidable than Japan's opponents hitherto, may make the War Lords of Tokyo look in other directions.

This argument does not exclude the possibility that the Japanese may try to secure bases for future operations in northern Australia. It is possible that Japan might wish to limit its advance into the South Western Pacific in this way. On the other hand as long as Upper Burma is held by the united nations it will constitute a permanent threat to the whole Japanese position which they have built up in the last three and a half months. Therefore, it is to be expected that they will make every effort to make themselves secure in that country. There is every reason for them to act swiftly or else Allied reinforcements which are pouring across India and reaching Burma from China may succeed in forming an army powerful enough to defy any thrust which the Japanese may be able to make.

CLASH NORTH OF THARRAWADDY IMMINENT?

Another clash north of Tharrawaddy would seem to be imminent. Until the Japanese feel themselves secure in Burma and the South Western Pacific, it seems hardly credible that they will seek another powerful enemy, as is suggested in some quarters. Reports from China speculating on the possibility of a Japanese attack on Soviet Russia do not seem to take sufficiently into account the whole strategic picture. The Japanese War Lords have already proved themselves very capable exponents of the military art, and to possess the power of calculating to a nicety their opponents' strength. Japan's successful invasions have been the result of predominant sea-power. Against powerful opponents on land the Japanese have not been so successful. Besides the danger of provoking another foe General MacArthur's statements and those of American and British Commanders in Burma indicate that they will not be content to remain on the defensive a moment longer than necessary.—Reuter.

Churchill-Roosevelt Highway

LONDON, March 21.

A new highway is being constructed in Trinidad, British West Indies, from the capital Port of Spain, to Fort Road the United States navy base named the Churchill-Rooseyelt highway, it is announced here. This important road as well as many other projects in the colony is being built expeditiously and efficiently through the close co-operation of the Governments concerned and such co-operation, it is felt, is well indicated by the road's official name.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S REGRET AT MILAS INCIDENT

ANKARA.—Sir Hughe Knatchbul-Hugessen, the British Ambassador, called at the Turkish foreign office on Saturday. It is understood that he admitted that British aircraft bombed Milas on the west coast of Turkey last week-end in an error, expressed the British Government's deepest regrets and transmitted an offer of compensation.—Reuter.

CONFIRMATION OF HONGKONG OUTRAGES

WASHINGTON, March 21.

The State Department has announced the receipt of reports from the Far East which confirm Mr. Eden's charges made in the House of Commons that the Japanese are inflicting "outrageous treatment" on the captured population of Hong Kong.—Reuter.

146 WARSHIPS TO BE BUILT

LONDON:—Britain on Saturday began a supreme effort to provide warships to win the Battle of the Seven Seas. The target of 146 Warship Weeks, the last and the mightiest of a five-month campaign, is 150 million pounds. Of this London's 60 Savings Committees have united to aim at 125 million pounds—enough to build a small fleet.

The King was sent a telegram for opening a Stepneys Week, saying that he has been deeply impressed by the success of the Warship Weeks recently held throughout Britain. "I am sure that London's Week will prove a crowning triumph of the campaign", His Majesty added.—Reuter.

URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT'S PROTEST

MONTE VIDEO:—After recalling the circumstances in which the Uruguayan merchantman "Monte Video" was torpedoed and sunk, the Uruguayan Government in a note of protest to Germany, sent through the Swiss Government, says: "It can safely be stated the attack was carried out by a German submarine in violation of all principles of international law". The note adds that the attack constitutes an unprovoked aggression against a neutral State. Uruguay reserves for itself the right to claim damages for losses sustained by national and private interests.—Reuter.

BEAVERBROOK IN LISBON

LISBON, March 22.

It is reported that Lord Beaverbrook has arrived here on his way from New York.—Reuter.

Arrest Of Escaped Italian Prisoner?

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, March 21.

An Italian suspected to be an escaped prisoner was arrested here. The Italian was lying on the upper bunk of the second class when a ticket collector came for checking passengers' tickets. This Italian could not speak English. Suspicion being aroused and the Italian was handed over to police. He was later questioned by police and could express himself by signs, and diagrams made on paper. It seems he was a Lieutenant in the Italian army and taken prisoner in Bardia.

CABLE ITEMS

LONDON.—The National Savings Committee announces that the actual amount received for investment in war-savings in London's Warship Week, up to the close of banks on Saturday, was pounds 273,10,160.—Reuter.

MEXICO CITY.—The Governor of the State of Colima is taking energetic measures to guard against Japanese sabotage in Mexican Pacific ports. Navigation near the coast by Japanese boats has been forbidden.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE.—A message from Antofagasta, reports that German stores there are selling out. The Banco Aleman Trans-Atlantico branch has ended transactions and is closing definitely.

GOVT. MUST HELP INDIAN INDUSTRIES

(Continued from page 8)

establish in each Province at least one key industry suitable to its economic conditions, to give protection to existing industries and those that may be started and to direct Government Departments to purchase indigenous manufactures. The Conference also urged Government to exercise strict control over concerns owned and managed by non-Indians.

The other resolution, which was moved by Mr. H. L. Kaji wanted the Government to reorganise and widen the field of activities of the Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics on lines similar to those of the Government Bureaux and Departments of Statistics in industrially advanced countries.

Sunday's Proceedings

POONA, March 22.

The two day session of the second All-India Manufacturers Conference which commenced here under the presidentship of Sir M. Visweswarayya concluded this afternoon after adopting several resolutions. At the outset, the President read out a message received from Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, Commerce Member, Government of India, wishing success to the Conference and hoping that their resolutions would help Government to give further effect to its desire of India's industrial advance.

The conference urged upon the Government to establish central and provincial funds for providing long term finance to industries and to ammend the insurance act of 1938, as to give more latitude to life assurance companies in the matter of investment of their funds.

The conference further urged upon the Government to separate the portfolio of industries from that of commerce and to place the department of industries under a separate non-official Indian member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, and was of the opinion that economic councils composed of representative businessmen, industrialists and economists assisted by adequate executive staff should be established both at the centre as well as in the provinces to formulate, advise upon and influence the economic policies and activities of the Government.

WAR RISK INSURANCE

Regarding war risk insurance and compensation, the conference called upon the Government to issue forthwith an ordinance providing cover for damage as a result of war to all industrial establishment by a comprehensive Government war insurance scheme with provision for adequate and early payment of at least a part of necessary compensation. The proceedings were wound up after the conference adopted Mr. A. R. Bhat's resolution appealing to all trade and commercial organisations, all leaders of national movements, the press and all citizens interested in the welfare of the country to take part and help in the constructive work of industrialisation.

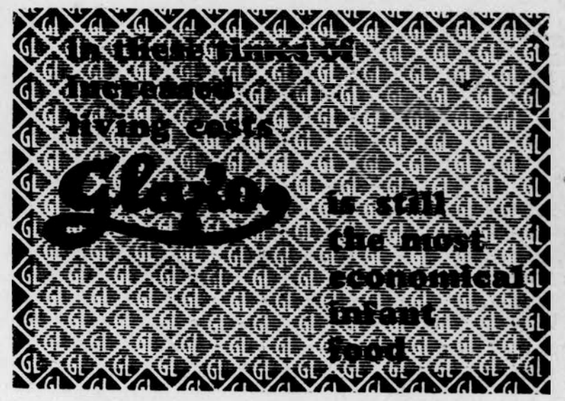
Fire In City Factory

About 5,000 rupees worth of damage was caused by a fire which broke out on Saturday afternoon in the Hindusthan Vanaspati Manufacturing Company's factory at Haji Bunder.

Six fire engines from various parts of the City rushed to the spot. The salvage corps was also in attendance.

Short-circuit of electric current, is learnt to have ignited a heap of vegetable ghee, packings and wrappers.

GORAKHPUR.—A parcel consigned by the Allahabad Bank, Bombay, to the Allahabad Bank, Gorakhpur, containing gold worth Rs. 3,309 was found missing from the parcel office of the B. N. W. Railway on the evening of March 18.



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JEFF, WHY DO YOU TALK TO YOURSELF?
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WELL, IT'S LIKE THIS, MUTT! FIRST, I LIKE TO HEAR A MAN WITH GOOD COMMON SENSE TALK!
? ?
AND NEXT, I LIKE TO TALK TO A MAN WITH GOOD COMMON SENSE!
NOW LISTEN, MURPH, YOU'RE A GOOD COP...
AND AS I SAID BEFORE MUTT, WHEN CONGRESS
FOR DEFENSE BUY

REFORMS IN HYDERABAD

To Be Inaugurated Shortly

(From Our Correspondent).

HYDERABAD, March 20.

Whatever be the drawbacks in the constitutional reforms announced by the Nizam's Government and serious criticism levelled against them by the public leaders at the time of the announcement in 1939, I understand they well be ushered in shortly. Statutory Advisory Committees to deal with Finance, Public Health, Agriculture development, Religious affairs are to set up as a prelude while District Conferences under official auspices will also be organised. There is a possibility of the Nawab of Chattari, President, Nizam's Executive Council, announcing the future programme of the Nizam's Government and deal with the organisation of Defence Council for the State with public leaders and officials on it.

FORWARD BLOC OFFICIALS ARRESTED

Removed To Unknown Destination

NEW DELHI, March 22.

Mr. Mukundlal Sircar, General Secretary of the Forward Bloc and Chairman of the Reception Committee of the All-India Forward Conference to be held early in April, Mr. Manu Dev Shastri, President of the Provincial Forward Bloc, Sardar Pritam Singh, General Secretary of the Provincial Forward Bloc and Mr. Hamiduddin Dilbar, Propaganda Secretary were arrested early this morning and removed to unknown destinations.—United Press

DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES AND DIST. MAGISTRATES.

CALCUTTA, March 21.

An order under the Defence of India Act has been issued by the Government of Bengal, authorising the District Magistrates of Chittagong, Tippera and Noakhali to exercise the powers conferred upon the Government, under the Defence of India Rules, in respect of persons to be arrested, and detained in their respective districts.—A. P.

A Princely Gesture

(From A Correspondent.

GONDAL, March 19.

A fire broke out at about midnight on the 15th March in the local timber warehouses. Six warehouses were completely destroyed. A damage of 2 lacs of rupees is estimated. His Highness the Maharaja Saheb visited the place of incident and granted an interview to the distressed merchants. He announced to-day that a gift of Rs. 100,000 be distributed amongst the six timber merchants who have suffered the loss. This timely help has deeply impressed the people of the State

URAN-BOMBAY PASSENGER'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

During 1941 at the request of Association the Port Trust have constructed a petty at the Old Ferry Wharf.

The Bombay Steam Navigation Company continued to give their usual facilities. The Monday morning steamer Service is made a regular feature even in monsoon. The Company has also a launch service thrice a day in addition to the afternoon steamer. The Mandva Ferries have a launch service running thrice a day. There were 74 members on the roll during the year. The opening balance was Rs. 23-7-6. The income during the year was Rs. 18-8-0 as against an expenditure of Rs. 15-1-0. The closing balance was Rs 26-14-6.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Bombay, March 21.

The New York market continued to remain dull on Friday. Price fluctuations were narrow pending Washington development.

The July position opened unchanged at 18.70. The rate touched 18.71+1 which was recorded as the highest of the day. Friday was featureless and with little inclination to buy, the market sagged to 18.66—4. This was the lowest level on the day. The market closed eventually at 18.66 recording a loss of 4 points. The spot rate was quoted 1 point down at 20.25.

Private advices:—New York July Highest 18.71(—) Lowest 18.66—4(—)

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co., have received to-day the following cable information from their Foreign Friends:—

New York. Seasaw market Undertone steady.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, March 21.

New York cotton closing July 18.70.—Reuter.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, March 21.

May	18.66
July	18.70
October	18.80
Middling Spot	21.25

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York March 21.

May	18.63
July	18.74
October	19.00
Middling Spot	19.23

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, March 21.

T. T. London on:—

New York, sellers		4.02-1/2
	buyers	4.03-1/2
Madrid, official		40.5
	voluntary rate	46.55
Montreal, sellers		4.43
	buyers	4.47
Zurich, sellers		17.3
	buyers	17.4
Stockholm, sellers		16.85
	buyers	16.95

JOWAR CROP IN BOMBAY PROVINCE

Forecast of the (Rabi) Jowar Crop of the Bombay Province (including Indian States) for the Season 1941-42, the figures in this forecast relate to the Rabi Jowar crop sown between September-November, 1941.

ESTIMATES UP TO 1ST MARCH 1942.

The total reported and estimated area and the outturn under the crop stands as noted below:—

Bombay Province.	Acres.	Tons.
British Districts	5,893,000	585,000
Indian States	1,234,400	2,24 000
Total	7,127,000	8,09,000

The outturn is 22 per cent less below the final revised outturn of the last year.

SEASON: In Gujarat, the crop suffered throughout almost the whole of the Division due to absence or deficiency of late rains and is estimated to yield much below normal. In the Deccan, the crop in the north fared well on the whole, but in the remaining parts of the Division the season proved unfavourable for this crop which showed poor development, especially in the eastern areas on account of failure or inadequacy of late rains. In the Karnatak the crop fared well in some parts in the west, but suffered in many areas in the east of the Division and particularly in the Bijapur District, where it was definitely poor due to deficiency of soil moisture.

INDIAN COTTON RECEIPTS

BOMBAY, March 21.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY OF INDIAN COTTON.

In ful-pressed bales	Yesterday	Since 1st Sept This year	Last year
Khandesh	55	74,165	91,779
Central India	508	46,079	119,482
Barsi and Nagar		46,382	89,973
Hyderabad/Gaorani		10,671	30,883
Berar	1,258	164,930	312,793
Central Provinces		75,828	66,435
Total Oomras	1,931	401,049	710,345
Dholeras		28,966	56,558
N.-W. Provinces		1,021	1,902
Rajputana		378	4,938
Sind-Punjab	2,239	361,569	397,388
Broach	6,736	263,401	48,462
Coompta and Dharwar	117	7,546	36,992
Westerns-Northerns		7,670	36,674
Cocoanada			239
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		9,073	727
Total	11,023	1,070,662	129,252
Arr. by Rd to 12th March 42		87,500	203,133

WHEAT OUTTURN IN N.-W. F. P.

PESHAWAR, March 21.

It is estimated that the total outturn of wheat in the North West Frontier province, this year, will be 317,900 tons as against 291,500 tons last year. It is stated that the recent rain which fell throughout the province, has proved beneficial to the standing crop, especially in unirrigated tracts.—A. P.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

LONDON, March 22.

Money Market was quiet, loanable supplies was occasionally somewhat tight, but there was no difficulty in obtaining balances for 1 p.m. Applications on next week's Treasury Bills totalled 121 million, and full 75 million was allotted but the average rate of £1-0.63d. per cent market received 50 centum of its applications. Next week Treasury deposit call will be nil, reflecting an expected the large inflow of London Warships Week which is beginning to-day.

Wall Street Opened steady.—Reuter.

DEARNESS ALLOWANCE IN HOLKAR STATE

INDORE, March 20.

The Government of His Highness the Maharaja Holkar have passed orders on the report submitted by the Wage Enquiry Committee. The War Dearness Allowance of 12 1/2 per cent (from 2 annas in the rupee to 3 1/4 annas) and it has been laid down that it will be paid to all workers, whether permanent, temporary or 'badli.'

The Holkar Government have laid down certain conditions on the fulfilment of which millowners have been urged to recognise such Unions.

With regard to the question of standardization of weavers' wages, the Holkar Government have decided that it should not be taken up until times are more favourable for full enquiries to be held.—United Press.

HYDERABAD LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ADJOURNS

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Mar. 21.

Eleven Bills came up for discussion in the Hyderabad Legislative Council to-day when the Council met for the first time for the year.

The Bill to bring Hyderabad silver coins on a par with British India coins was passed while the Contempt of Court Bill was deferred for the next session.

The House adjourned to meet again on April 18.

COTTON MARKET WEEKLY REVIEW

Bombay, March 17.

Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co., report:—

The New York market has again been in the doldrums. Fluctuations have been negligible with the result there has been practically no change in values. The controversy continues as to whether C.C.C. holdings should be sold below parity. Meantime American Mills continue to use large quantities of cotton the consumption during the shorter month of February having been nearly 9 lacs of bales.

In Bombay we have had a poor market and a further appreciable decline has to be recorded. The cheaper cottons like Oomra and Bengal have the appearance of grounding in price but there is still appreciension regarding tenders of Broach cotton early next month, April/May delivery having been traded at 19 rupees below that for July/August. This huge difference is merely a reflection of the feeling of uncertainty caused largely by lack of insurance guarantee, plus the heavy cost of carrying due t othe large demand for godown space. It is reported that there is a considerable amount of profiteering taking place in the rents of godowns and this ought to be stopped not only in the interests of the trade but also for the sake of the farmer

The total amount of open interest in our FRutures market has been greatly reduced in recent weeks and this trend is likely to continue until more confidence can be restored. In the Spot market there has been very little doing. Occasional small orders are being received by exporters but chiefly for low priced varieties which are now competing with linters in America and with cotton waste in consuming centres, a clear indication that Indian cotton is much below its normal value. Local Mills have shewn little interest. Altogether turnover has been very poor.

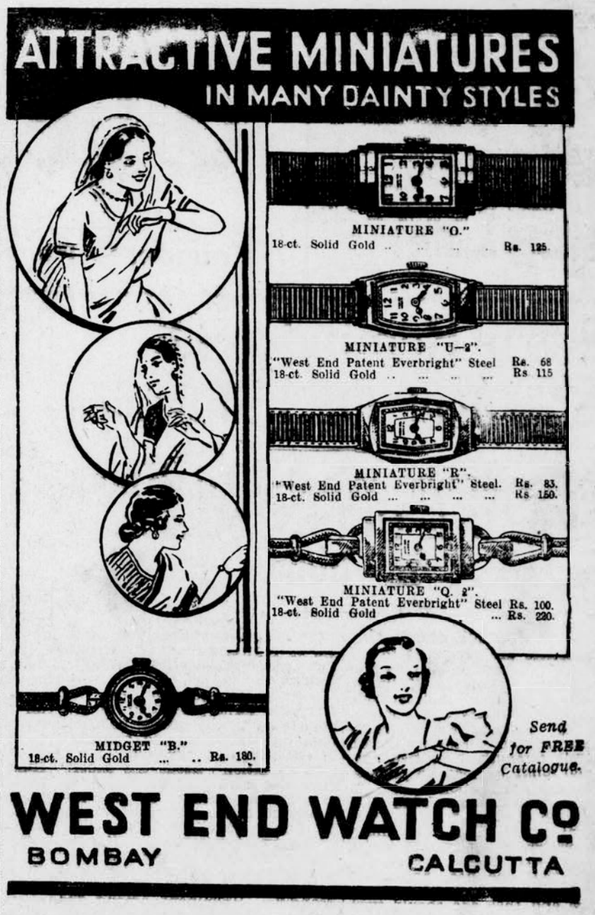
Practically no business has been reported in foreign cottons in spite of the fact that stocks held here have been offered for sale at prices much below the replacing cost of fresh imports. We strongly recommend consumers of such cottons in India to secure their requirements, for once present stocks are exhausted they will be forced to pay higher prices as there is no chance of any reduction in price of future imports. The new crop in Uganda is much smaller than usual and the present price over there is attractive to Lancashire. In Egypt there is a large reduction in acreage this year and in addition the price is strictly controlled by the Egyptian and British Governments. In Sudan we understand a goodly portion of the crop will be ear-marked for the Lancashire market.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, March 21.

The London Stock Exchange was quiet apart from Brazilian bonds and rails which advanced upto one and a half points on fair inquiry. Gilt-edged were inactive and were inclined downslip 16th but Chartered Bank previously oversold rallied 9/16. Homerails were lightly supported. Oils were inclined to sag. Mexeagles were offered industrials were quietly maintained. Tobaccos recovered initial losses Rubbers and Teas again were quietly supported at low levels. Kaffirs kept quietly firm.

Wall Street was quiet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Stern Reminder Of Neglect Of Industries

Visvesvaraya Wants To Know The Role Of U. S. Mission In India

POONA, March 21.

"Industries are required to increase production and income and the people's standard of living, and they are also indispensable to supply machinery and munitions to defend the country against invasion. Military power, economic strength, executive ability and what we may be permitted to call civilisation have in the past gone hand in hand with the growth of industries and mechanical power. The disabilities this country is labouring under the present war is a stern reminder that the past neglect of industries on her part has been ruinous and that she should turn over a new leaf if she is to rise in the scale of material prosperity and national strength."

Thus observed Sir M. Visvesvaraya presiding over the session of the All-India Manufacturers' Conference, which opened in Poona today.

AMERICAN MISSION

The President referred to the American mission coming out to India and hoped that Government would soon acquaint the country with the precise scope and functions of this technical mission.

"The Indian industrialists are naturally anxious to know whether opportunities will be given to them to develop heavy armament industries with the help of his mission."

"Before war, Government were placing orders for goods required in India with German or American firms whenever England herself could not supply them; and now since the commencement of war and after the close of deliberations of the Eastern Group War Supply Conference, the tendency has been to obtain necessary raw and semi-raw materials required for war from this country and place orders for all heavy armament machinery, motor trucks, etc., which require capacity and skill with other countries of the Empire or with the United States. It is probably not widely known that many of the manufacturers even in those countries who have come forward to execute the orders, have admitted that they did not know the job themselves but had to learn it after accepting the orders."

MAIN LINES OF ADVANCE

After explaining the principal objects of All-India Manufacturers' Organisation, he dwelt on the main lines of advance, which should be (i) to encourage the starting and working of industries of every kind—small, medium and large-scale, either as owners' concerns, partnership concerns or joint stock companies; (ii) to create in each region or area an efficient industrial organisation to enable new occupations and new units of work to spring up speedily; (iii) to provide institutions, agencies, facilities and conditions for training a large proportion of population for industrial life; and (iv) to start preparing the country for post-war reconstruction in which industries must necessarily play an important part.

Continuing Sir M. Visvesvaraya said the central idea of the movement is the creation of an All-India organisation to build up a sound industrial structure. Regional organisations should carry on development work, until Government co-operation was secured, by representatives of the public themselves with volunatry funds.

He also stressed the need of adequate tariff protection to give confidence to the public, adequate banking facilities, and collection of statistics of production.

"The nation needs the experience and ability of its best citizens in the conduct of this national economic enterprise," Sir M. Visvesvaraya concluded.

The two-day session of the second All-India Manufacturers' Conference commenced here this morning in the Tilak Smarak Mandir. Prominent among the present were the chief of Ichalkaranji, Messrs. S. G Shah, Vice-President of the All-India Manufacturers' Organisation, Govardhandas Murarji, Sankhalchand Shah, Fazal Ibrahim Rahimtullah, Lala Kishorilal of Punjab, Diwan Bahadur H. L. Kaji, Lady Thakersey, and Mr. Sukhia of Dayalbagh. Mr. N. C. Kelkar also attended by special invitation.

Messages wishing success to the Conference were received from among others Sir Purshottam Thakurdas, Diwan Bahadhur Ramaswamy of Mysore, the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Messrs. H. F. Knight, and G. H Collins, Advisers, Bombay Government, Sir Mirza Ismail, Sir Chunilal V. Mehta, Sir Homi Mehta, the Mayor of Bombay, Sir B. Ram Rao and Mr. H. K. Kripland.

Md. G. V. Puranik, Chairman of the Reception Committee, welcoming the delegates referred to the stupendous task undertaken by the Maharashtra Regional Council of creating conditions and atmosphere favourable for the starting of new industries and development of the existing ones and said that their task would have become easy if there was a National Government at the Centre and if responsible Governments had begun to function in the Provinces. They had known how popular Government would help them. Although under the present constitution the Provincial Governments could give only a limited help to industries, the Kher Ministry had initiated a policy of giving concessions which if that Ministry had decided to continue in office, would have made possible the growth of a number of new industries.

He, however, hoped that the visit of Sir Stafford Cripps would prove fruitful and enable India to have a National Government at the Centre, which would have unfettered freedom to frame its industrial and economic policy and would create conditions favourable for the return of popular ministries to power in the Provinces.

Thereafter Sir M. Visvesvaraya delivered his presidential address.

RESOLUTIONS

Two resolutions were passed at the Manufacturers Conference which is being held here. The first moved by Mr. Sankalchand Shah, urged upon the Government of India to institute without delay a well-planned and dynamic industrial policy calculated to lead to the rapid establishment of new industries and the progressive expansion of existing ones. To implement this policy of industrial expansion, the Conference called upon Provincial Governments to

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NO MAJORITY DOMINATION

Jamiat-ul-Ulema's On Free India's Constitution

LAHORE, March 21.

The view that no Federation or Central Government would be acceptable to the Jamit-ul-Ulema in which the Muslim nation of 90 millions is forced to live on the mercy of the majority community is expressed in a resolution adopted at the open session of the Jamiat-Ulema Conference tonight.

The resolution states:—"The Jamiat-ul-Ulema I-Hind have repeatedly announced their creed of complete independence which all the powers of Islam in India endorse and which they take to be the sole means of their emancipation. The Jamiat-Ulema I-Hind have further clearly stated that national freedom will include freedom for followers of Islam of their religion, culture and civilisation and they will not accept any constitution which will not be based on such a conception of freedom.

The Jamiat-ul-Ulema-I-Hind is a staunch supporter of complete Provincial Autonomy in India in which various units will enjoy undefined powers and the Central will be given powers to which all the Provinces unanimously agree and which will apply to all provinces equally. In the opinion of of Jamiat-ul-Ulema a federation of autonomous and independent provinces is essential and useful, but the Federation or a Central Government in no-case will be acceptable to it in which the Muslim nation of 90 millions, possessing its own civilisation and culture, would be forced to live on the mercy of the mejority community. In short, the constitution at the Central shall be such as would secure religious, political and cultural self-determination for Muslims."—A. P.

BEVIN SEES SIGNS OF EARLY VICTORY

Britain's Labour Front Better Than Germany's

LONDON, March 21.

The Minister of Labour and National Service, Mr. Ernest Bevin, speaking at Wandsworth to-day said: "I am proud to say that on the labour side we are in a better position than Germany. The demands on our manpower have been and still are tremendous and our reserves have had to be heavily drawn upon, but by a careful manipulation of our resources I think I can see daylight from the manpower point of view even if the war has to be carried on for a long time yet.

I hope it won't be necessary. I hope that this year, with the changing strategy of war, it will be possible to bring nearer the final and victorious conclusion.

This war has taught us that by using the great constructive ability of our people we can accomplish anything. We hear stories of what everybody else has done, but I raise my voice for this grand old country—its navy, its army, its air force, its civil defence forces and its great munitions production have been the marvel of the world and it has held the fort.

If it had not done so, Hitler would now be triumphant. You could not stop him with arguments and newspaper articles and all the rest. It has been hard grinding toil and fighting through three long dark black-out winters with low rations, holidays gone, little recreation except the cinema, but there was no sign of war weariness, no sign of despondency, no cracking of the will".—Reuter.

GERMANY'S WAR POTENTIAL

Shortage In Number Of Essential Commodities

LONDON, Mar. 21.

I was very agreeably surprised to discover how very short Germany already is of a number of essential commodities said Lord Selborne, Minister for Economic Warfare, at his first press conference in London to-day. "I do not want to give an exaggerated picture. I do not want you to think that I am saying there is any chance of a near collapse by Germany on that account. That certainly is not the case at present, but there is far greater stringency in Germany than there is in England.

"If you take any of the essential commodities such as oil, rubber or things like textiles, the situation in Germany is infinitely worse and infinitely more difficult than it is in this country. Various raids made from this country," the Minister continued, "were largely suggested by his Ministry to the military authorities in order that certain sources of enemy supply in vulnerable position should be destroyed."

The German oil position, the Minister said, was a great deal more difficult than it ever had been. It had been profoundly affected by the Russian campaign, he said, that textiles, metal alloys and wolfram employed in the manufacture of steel were particularly short in Germany.

Questioned about Japan, Lord Selborne said that Japan had left herself in a very vulnerable position directly in power of armaments swung over to our side as it would. "The amount of oil expended in Russia since June 22 last has been vastly greater than the Germans ever calculated when they made their original plans," continued the speaker.

"We are now faced", he said, "with a fact which overshadows everything else, that our two principal enemies, Germany and Japan, have complementary resources of which Germany is vitally short. While Germany has machine tools and technicians of which Japan is tremendously short, there were quite a number of ships capable of making the voyage between Japan and Germany without touching land—mostly in Japanese hand.

"We know these ships and where they are. When they leave port the Allies will have to try to intercept them."—Reuter

Smashing Nazi War Machine This Year

LONDON, March 21.

The possibility of smashing the Nazi war machine this year was foreshadowed by the Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Board of Trade the Hon Wilmot in a speech at Lambeth to-day (Saturday).

"If we can give to the glorious Russian armies machines and equipment they need and bring to bear on the enemy the weight of our own forces on a second fornt then before the yearend the hard but brittle fabric of the terrible Nazi war machine may crack and collapse" Mr. Wilmot declared. "Complete victory will then be within our grasp and the end of war in sight. If we should fail then because of our failure the enemy may again be able to hold the Russian front and mustering his still mighty strength for a knockout blow will fall upon these islands."—Reuter.

Axis Preparing For Attack On Near East

LONDON, March 21.

There are unmistakable signs that the Axis powers have increased their preparations in the Balkans and on Aegean Islands, having the obvious intention to attack in the Near East, says the Moscow radio.

In Greece, Crete and Dodecanese islands intensive activity of air forces is developing, it adds.

R. A. F. ACTIVE IN CYRENAICA

CAIRO: The following is the text of the R. A. F. Middle East Communique issued to-day: "Fighter and bomber aircraft were in action over the forward areas of Cyrenaica during March 20th. The enemy aerodrome at Martuba was raided and a Messerschmitt 109 was shot down by our fighters and other enemy aircraft were severely damaged.

Enemy air-raids on Malta were continued during the night of March 19th|20th and again on March 20th. A Messerschmitt 109 was destroyed by fighters and a Junkers 88 shot down by anti-aircraft gunfire. From these and other operations three of our aircraft are missing but two pilots are safe."—Reuter.

Free French Forces In Libya

LONDON, March 21.

It is officially stated that Free French forces reached a point 300 miles south of the Mediterranean in a new thrust south of the Libyan desert.

After raiding Italian outposts the Free French returned to bases in Chad territory according to plan.—Reuter.

Destroyed In Rangoon

BURMA DELEGATION ON INDIAN LOSSES

Property Burnt By Criminals And Lunatics: Plea For Compensation And Preventive Measures

The Burma Indian Delegation consisting of Messrs. C. M. A. Ismail, M. G. Kapadia, M I. Keekeebhai, M D. Dadabhoy, S. H. Kharwar, C. A. Soorma and G. A. Soorma has arrived in Delhi and intends to make suitable representations to the members in charge of Indians Overseas, Commerce and Finance Departments of the Government of India with regard to matters affecting their property and interests in Burma.

From information placed at our disposal" they say in a statement "it is clear that a great deal of property belonging to Indians in Burma has been destroyed, as a result either of the "scorched earth policy" of the Government or, what is even worse, by the release and setting free of criminals and lunatics from the prisons. These hooligans roamed the streets of Rangoon unchecked and they looted and burnt down property belonging to Indian nationals there, thereby causing irreparable loss to them. It passes comprehension why the authorities behaved in this manner. There is no reason why these criminals should have been set free to rob, burn and assault the citizens, and it is hoped that the Government of India will take up this matter at once with the authorities in Burma, both civil and military, and that satisfaction will be given.'

The Deputation also claim compensation for their loss, exemption from payment of income-tax and urge the Indian Government to take up the matter of the preservation of life and property of the Indian nationals in Burma. There are at present about a million Indian nationals still residing in Burma, they say, and their life and property must be duly safeguarded, and they point out that it is absolutely necessary that the forces of law and order should not be withdrawn from any district or town before their occupation by the enemy, as, otherwise, life and property would be destroyed by gangsters and looters.—A.P.

SCORCHED EARTH POLICY

Undesirable For India, Says Marwadi Chamber

The following telegram has been sent to the Chief Secretary, Government of India, New Delhi, by the Marwadi Chamber of Commerce, Bombay in connection with the "scorched earth policy":—

The Board of Marwadi Chamber of Commerce submit that the application of scorched earth policy to India is wholly inappropriate and undesirable and its enforcement would have and lead to very grave consequences. It is no accident that this policy originated in Soviet Russia where not only has the State built the industries but their reconstruction and employment of unemployed workers are State responsibilities and not left to private initiative. India's position, wholly different regarding structure both of Government and Society. Such destruction would in our opinion undermine confidence and prejudice war effort. Respectfully urge early announcement of policy clearing widespread misgivings and uneasiness.

Plea Not To Enforce 'Scorched Earth' In India

CALCUTTA,

The view that the adoption of the "scorched earth" policy in this country in case of an emergency will be "inadvisable and entirely unnecessary," is expressed in a telegram sent to the Government of India on behalf of the Indian, the Bengal National, the Muslim and the Marwari Chambers of Commerce and the Bengal Mill owners Association.

The Chambers urge the Government to issue an early communique to ally public feelings and outlining their policy in regard to this matter.—A.P.

PATNA, March 22:—The defence services exhibition train arrived here this morning when thousands of people witnessed the demonstration given by the train crew and the exhibits on the train

NATIONAL WAR FRONT

"Stand steady; encourage the brave; strengthen the faint-hearted; rebuke the babbler and root out the hidden traitor!"

—H. E. THE VICEROY

Inspector Wade — THE COAT OF ARMS — By Edgar Wallace

JIM! HOW ABOUT DON? IS HE---
JUST CAME UP TO CATCH MY BREATH... GOING RIGHT DOWN. HE'S STILL BELOW!
HELP! HELP! THIS WAY!
THERE'S A MAN CAUGHT DOWN BELOW... NEEDS HELP. HURRY AND-- OH! IT'S YOU!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS CHANCE...
MARY, I'LL HAVE DON OUT WITH ONE MORE DIVE, HE'S--- MARY! MARY!.... GONE... CAN'T WAIT, GOT TO SAVE DON!
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